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# Sustaining our mission

By William Mitchell, Headmaster

We strive on a daily basis to help boys be their best. Meeting this objective requires significant physical, human and financial resources. Most importantly, it requires the bold vision of the Board, the commitment of alumni, parents and friends of the school, the professional leadership of the faculty and the full engagement of students.

As you know, we have completed Phase II of our facilities renewal programme involving the construction of the Speirs Building and the first phase of renovations to the Lucas Building. Phase III is now underway and is divided into two sections. This summer, most of our capital expenditures are being directed toward the renovation of the Senior science labs in the Lucas Building and work on the locker rooms and front steps of the Macaulay Building. While Coristine Hall is being spruced up, the renovation of the kitchen and the conversion of Coristine Hall into a multi-purpose dining hall/auditorium are scheduled for the summer of 2006.

As you can imagine, the facilities renewal plan continues to have an extremely positive impact on our programme. The benefits are significant, and on behalf of both the students and faculty I wish to thank you for your continued support.

We have good reason to be proud of our success to date in raising the funds for the completion of all phases of the capital project. While we have more to do, our recent initiatives are paying off. One spectacular example is the donation of half a million dollars from an Old Boy and his wife who are current parents. We are, indeed, grateful for their leadership and commitment. In the coming months, we will continue to canvass all constituents, particularly new parents and those who benefit most from our improved facilities.

Our fiscal reality and that of all private schools is that we are going to have to continue to turn to our donor community for support if we are to maintain our leadership position. Over the next six months we will, for example, be finalizing our response to Bill 104. One option under review is to boost our endowment funding. This would ensure we continue to benefit from a diverse student population and have

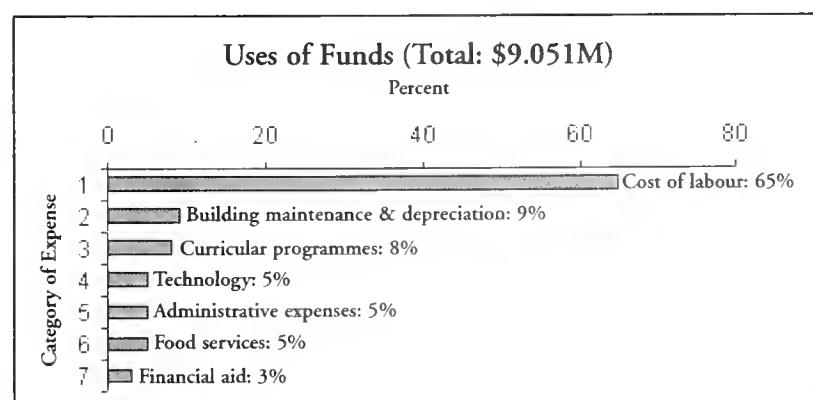
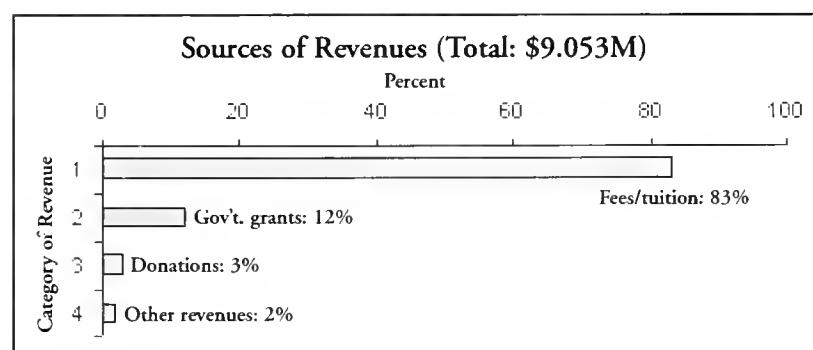
the financial stability and flexibility for future programme enhancements, while at the same time restricting fee increases to reasonable and predictable levels.

In assessing our funding needs, I thought that it would be helpful to provide an overview of our operating costs. At the outset, let me point out that almost two thirds of our operating revenues go to pay for salaries and benefits. It is worth remembering that we have made the strategic decision to pay our teachers ahead of the public scale.

Below is a table showing the percentages of expenses over total revenues.

The school continues to have a balanced budget. However, low student/faculty ratios, comprehensive extra and co-curricular programmes and expanding demands for increased quantity and improved quality of programmes and supervision put pressure on the institution.

We are developing an even more comprehensive strategic financial plan to help guide us in the future. We will need such a plan if we are to sustain our mission of providing an overall programme and experience that will inspire our students—boys—to be and do their best.



# Will Mitchell marks 20th anniversary

**I**n January 2005, William Mitchell completed his twentieth year as Headmaster of Selwyn House School. During his tenure the school has grown from a rather cramped, one-building institution housing 490 students into a three-building campus with modern facilities for 570 students. It has evolved from a traditional English-style boys' school nestled in the hills of Westmount into a cosmopolitan, information-age school with the world as its classroom.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, sixty years ago. His family lived in Montreal until he was five years old, at which time they moved to the Eastern Townships. Mr. Mitchell attended Bishop's College School in Lennoxville and Quebec High School in Quebec City, after which he attended Bishop's University in Lennoxville for his B.A. and B.Ed. Subsequently, he received a master's in educational administration from the University of Toronto.

Upon completing his education, he worked in Montreal in the brokerage business for a year, then went back to Bishop's for his teacher's training. His first teaching assignment was at Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario, where he stayed for eleven years, teaching English, history and world issues and coaching football, hockey and cricket. For four of these years he also served as Assistant to the Headmaster, assuming responsibility for much of the day-to-day scheduling of the overall programme.

In 1981 he moved to Lower Canada College, where he taught Senior English for three and one-half years and coached football and hockey.

He was appointed Headmaster of Selwyn House School in the fall of 1984, but did not begin full-time duties here until the middle of the 1984-1985 school year.

On February 3, 2005 Veritas spoke to Mr. Mitchell about how the school has evolved during his first twenty years as headmaster.

**Editor:** Think back to January 21, 1985. What was your impression when you arrived at Selwyn House on your first day as headmaster?

**Headmaster:** Well, I knew the school somewhat, because as students at BCS we used to come in and play against Selwyn House and they used to come out and play



**Will Mitchell gives Charles-Alexandre Lacoste-Lépine a turn in the driver's seat.**

against us, so I certainly had many friends who had gone to Selwyn House. So, I was somewhat familiar with the school.

On my first day as headmaster, I came to school and there was an assembly at 8:30 and the Chairman of the Board introduced me to the school and gave some of my background, and that was really my first presentation to the students and the faculty, aside from having been introduced at the Founder's Day reception the previous November as the Headmaster Designate.

Normally, for a rookie head to come in to a school mid-year would not be a formula for success, and I was somewhat apprehensive about that. But the sensitivity and good guidance of the board chairman, Tim Carsley, made the move very much more effective

and easier and I couldn't have asked for a better chair. Also, teachers Alain Weber and Rob Wearing could not have been more helpful and supportive. Because the school was being well run, I had an opportunity during those first six months to look around and get to know people and to define in my own mind—and in consultation with others—what I thought the major objectives of the following year should be and what issues we should be tackling as an institution.

**Editor:** During your twenty years at Selwyn House the physical face of the school has grown enormously. You've gone from just one building to three, not to mention all the internal facilities that have been made available to students.

**Headmaster:** When I came here, one of the immediate challenges was the prospect of being able to address our facility needs. The school was very crowded at that time—there were about 490 students just in the Lucas Building alone—and one of the impressions that you got early on was that the corridors were cramped. One of the ways I used to put it was that the most private place for a student to meet with a teacher was in the hallway.

Then the opportunity arose to purchase St. Andrew's Church across the street. This became something that occupied us, because strategically it was going to make a significant difference to the school, to give ourselves more room and to improve our facilities a lot. So, within that first year and a half we accomplished buying the church and

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renovating it for school purposes, and that became the Macaulay Building.

**Editor:** How has the programme changed since that time?

**Headmaster:** When I began there were forty-eight teachers on the faculty and now we have about sixty-five. We have expanded and enhanced the levels of service that we provide. Also, we realized that families were looking to start their children in Kindergarten rather than Grade 1. So we added one Kindergarten class and then a second one. We modified our programme to reflect the changes in our culture.

Another change is that, when I started here there were three Grade 9s but only two Grade 10s, so there was a sort of winnowing out of students after Grade 9. We felt that these pupils certainly could cope with the programme, so we increased our enrollment from 485 to 540 very quickly. Adding Grade 10 and 11 required more faculty.

I think one of the strengths of directing this school is that our enrollment challenges are manageable. Our two major entry points are Kindergarten, where we look to enroll thirty students each year, and Grade 7, where we add a class and seek to enroll about twenty-five new students. Our enrollment has been quite predictable and very steady. We've always met our targets. Of course, we've worked hard to ensure that we have a good selection of students to draw from.

Also, we've certainly expanded the athletics programme, increased the options students have, and added programmes such as robotics. At all times we've tried to take advantage of opportunities to expose our students to a variety of rich experiences.

The key to schools such as ours is ensuring we have a great faculty. It is the faculty that attracts great students and develops good programmes. So the administration's job, really, is to retain such a faculty and give them appropriate support in resources and working conditions so they can do the best work possible for the students.

Another change during this period, of course, was that we evolved from being an English school into being a bilingual one, thanks to our French immersion programme. When I began here, there was one class of immersion at the Grade 6 level. Then it expanded to Grade 5. Over time it has extended right down into Kindergarten with our current Biliteracy Programme. Over that period of time the evolution of the programme was really significant.

Twenty years ago, the only place where you would have heard French in the school would have been in a French classroom or in an immersion classroom. Now students are so at ease with the language that if they are talking to a

teacher who teaches in French or who is a francophone—whether in the classroom, a hockey rink or a hallway—those students will be speaking to that person in French. That's a huge shift that has occurred.

**Editor:** It seems to me you've also been able to mobilize parents to become more involved in activities and projects at the school.

**Headmaster:** There was relatively little parent involvement or participation initially. Over the years, the contribution that parents have made, and the invitation to parents to participate in the school through the Parent Volunteer Association, have evolved significantly. So, tapping into those resources and that good will has been a big benefit to the school.

Another change is that we have tried to raise the expectation that, even though we're a relatively small boys' school in Montreal, we should be benchmarking ourselves worldwide, so that our programme is challenging, relevant, rigorous and world-class.

I think that on a national—and to some extent international—basis, we have developed our profile, but it has taken energy and resources to do so. I think that's the expectation, that we're not just going to satisfy ourselves, we're not going to be afraid to benchmark ourselves against international standards.

Look at the achievement record we send out and you'll see that the students are getting opportunities to do a wide variety of things. I think the reason for this is that we have talented faculty who know young people well, and I have always believed that students will gravitate toward anything that is well run. These students are performing at a high level in athletics or debating or public speaking or drama. They have programmes that attract them because they are well run and well managed. So the experience is a rich one and one that gives the fond memories that you're trying to produce. I think our parents assume that their sons are going to get a good academic education here. What gives a real richness to it, though, are the fond memories and experiences gained in school, and knowing that those experiences have contributed to your growth as a person and as a citizen of the world. So if we have given students a start on becoming responsible, independent learners, then that's a gift for a lifetime. And if they can go on and make worthwhile contributions within their communities or elsewhere and contribute to a civil community, then we know we've done something worthwhile.

**Editor:** I see, then, that beyond the tangible issues that all schools deal with—physical facilities, technology and these sorts of things—you emphasize the experience of

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school as something that will stick with the student throughout his life.

**Headmaster:** Absolutely. It was necessary to move the school forward in terms of facilities, but facilities don't make the programme. They obviously enhance our ability to do it more efficiently, and they make it more pleasurable for those of us who teach and learn here. But if what we're doing does not really contribute to people's industry, integrity and honesty, then all the other accomplishments are not worth a lot.

One of our objectives was to make a significant step each year in the integration of technology into the curriculum. I think we're doing that. Our response resulted from discussions with James McMillan and others in 1985-1986 and saying, "Technology is coming and we've really got to figure out the implications for education." We weren't trying to be way out on the leading edge, but technology has become a part of the way the world works, and education is part of that. So, we have arrived at where we are today, and I think that we're only scratching the surface of what the future holds. We're not hanging our whole hat on the technology bit, but we've given the teachers these resources and they're making better and better use of them all the time. We think it is part of the future of the educational landscape.

**Editor:** I'd like you to talk a bit about the increasing role of endowment in an independent school, and how that operates. Over the twenty years that you've been here, has the significance of that component of the whole thing increased? Is it a bigger part of the picture than it used to be?

**Headmaster:** American universities have been into this for years. In the Canadian context, it's only in the last twenty years or so that universities have focused on this. What endowment gives you is financial stability and flexibility, so that you can address needs in a more timely way. It frees you from being a purely fee-driven institution. So, therefore, you can enhance the experience for students and, just as importantly, you can ensure the diversity of the student population. Frankly, I would not be interested in running an institution that didn't have a commitment to maintaining that kind of diversity of the student body. It would be a school for the financial elite only, and that wouldn't be good for the students in the school and it wouldn't be good for society.

Right now, ten to twelve per cent of our students receive financial assistance in some form. Our target is to get that to twenty per cent as soon as possible.

**Editor:** Twenty years further down the road, do you see any emerging trends in independent schools?

**Headmaster:** There are strategic issues that face us, political and demographic. Bill 104 has implications for us because it restricts access to our programme for a significant part of the population. Also, with a lot of teachers retiring in the coming years, attracting and retaining quality faculty is going to be a challenge for us.

**Editor:** Speaking of challenges, when you come to work every day, what are the biggest challenge and the biggest reward of your day-to-day activities?

**Headmaster:** To tell you the truth, I find it very easy to come to school every day optimistic, and it's a very pleasant experience. Of course, there are challenges and there are little crises of one kind or another that turn up, but what makes it a pleasant anticipation each day is the fact that there are just a whole lot of good people running things well within the school. They are professionals, and that means they have two qualities: they are competent in what they do and they know young people and they know how to bring out the best in them.

Organizationally, I see my job as trying to get more and more areas of the school into the hands of people who want to do the job—who can do the job—and support them in that.

I try—in as many varied forums as I can—to be something of a catalyst for that sense of always looking for ways to move forward and to contribute to the growth and richness of the programmes that we're providing. That's a very pleasant thing, and I think what's pleasurable about it is you have a sense that the work that we do together is worthwhile work. That can't help but be a pleasant kind of experience.

The way I see of ensuring this occurs is to make sure that our faculty is as good as we can get it, that our programmes continue to evolve, which attracts the right kind of students and creates a climate for growth, for richness and for positive experience. Of course you're going to get some negative stuff and you're going to have to deal with some setbacks, but at the end of the day, I just have to feel fortunate for the kind of support that I've been given by the school, by the board, the faculty and the parents for our moving ahead with these initiatives.

What makes us proud at the end of the day is the kind of students we have produced here, that they have the skills and knowledge and attitude they need to manage their own lives responsibly and make a contribution, that they have a good understanding of what goes into contributing to and maintaining a civil community. That community can be expressed in terms of Selwyn House, but it is also a community of the world.

# Tim Fleiszer '92 tackles community problems

Photo and information courtesy of the Edmonton Eskimos

**T**im Fleiszer '92 has compiled an impressive record on the football field in his seven years with the CFL, playing 98 games and winning the Grey Cup twice. His record off the field, however, may be even more impressive. From the beginning of his career, Tim has been a tireless volunteer for many community causes, taking part in a thousand community events, many of which are aimed at encouraging youngsters to stay in school.

Recently signed by the Edmonton Eskimos, Tim's professional career began when he was drafted first overall by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 1998 CFL College Draft. From 2000 to 2002, he played with his hometown Montreal Alouettes. Fleiszer then joined the Ottawa Renegades for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. He has played in four Grey Cup games, taking home the trophy for Hamilton in 1999 and Montreal in 2002.

In 2000 Tim joined Montreal's Adopt-an-Alouette programme. Adopt-an-Alouette was launched to combat the alarming high-school dropout rate in Quebec. The programme's primary initiative is to organize visits by the Montreal Alouettes players to local high schools to address students. Their message emphasizes the importance and value of education for all students.

Tim became involved with the programme as a feature speaker in 2000. In 2001, he took over as director of the programme. The number of schools visited by players jumped from forty-eight schools in 2000 to 125 schools in 2001. When he left the position in 2002, 137 high schools were registered in the programme.

Fleiszer was also involved with the Junior Alouettes Camps in 2000 as a coach at two camps. In 2001, he took over as director of the camps. Under his direction, the programme grew from three camps and 200 total campers in two cities in 1999, to five camps and 1,000 total campers in three cities in 2002. These camps provided the opportunity to deliver the strong message that a young player must succeed in school to be able to pursue a football career.

Tim also made several appearances in support of goodwill programmes. Some examples of these are attending the annual Special Olympics Sports Celebrity Dinner, serving dinner to the homeless and disadvantaged at the Old Brewery Mission, visiting terminally ill children at St. Justine's Hospital and serving breakfast at an event supporting the Breakfast Club, which provides food for school children not receiving breakfast at home.

Using the blueprint of the projects that he helped develop during his time in Montreal's front office, Tim created similar programmes in Ottawa. With the help of teammates Mike Sutherland and Kelly Wiltshire, Tim



In 2004, Tim Fleiszer enjoyed another solid season as defensive end for the Ottawa Renegades. He started 14 games and posted 31 solo tackles, four sacks, five tackles-for-losses, three fumble recoveries, and two pass knockdowns.

launched three bilingual community programmes intended to benefit the Ottawa-Gatineau area in 2004.

The "Hit the Books" programme builds on the excitement surrounding professional football to promote the value of education and the choice not to smoke. The "Future Renegades" skills camps are bilingual, non-contact training sessions for minor football players. Lady Renegades Football 101 classes are three-hour seminars that teach the basics of football to women who want to learn more about the game of football while raising funds for charity.

In 2003 and 2004, Fleiszer also made several appearances in support of goodwill programmes such as the Cystic Fibrosis Breakfast, the Paraplegic Association Dinner, the Canadian Hearing Society Dart Tournament, and the annual Cora's Breakfast to benefit the Ottawa School Breakfast Programme.

A leader off the field as well as on, Tim undertook the responsibility for organizing Renegades player appearances in the community. Over three hundred individual player appearances were made since he assumed this position. Some examples of these events are the CIBC Run for the Cure, the Gridiron Gourmet (an event that raises money for the Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Center) the United Way Community Campaign, and Camp Quality, a rural camp for children with terminal cancer.

# The Case for the Genocide Intervention Fund

By Andrew Sniderman 2001

**S**ince the fall of 2004, students at Swarthmore College have been mobilizing financial support for African peacekeepers who are struggling to put an end to the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. At the centre of this innovative initiative by private citizens is Andrew Sniderman, who graduated from Selwyn House in 2001. "We are proposing the creation of a private fund-raising initiative, a genocide intervention fund to support a military intervention in Darfur and to create a financial base to fight genocides of the future," Andrew says. In the following article, the Selwyn House Old Boy makes the case for grassroots action to end the tragedy in Africa.

The Genocide Intervention Fund (GIF) should not have to exist. Failure catalyzed this initiative. Several months ago, Colin Powell and the U.S. State Department concluded that "genocide has occurred and may still be occurring in Darfur," the western region of Sudan. Strongly worded UN resolutions, vacuous threats of economic sanctions and increased humanitarian aid efforts followed, but have done little or nothing to stop the violence.

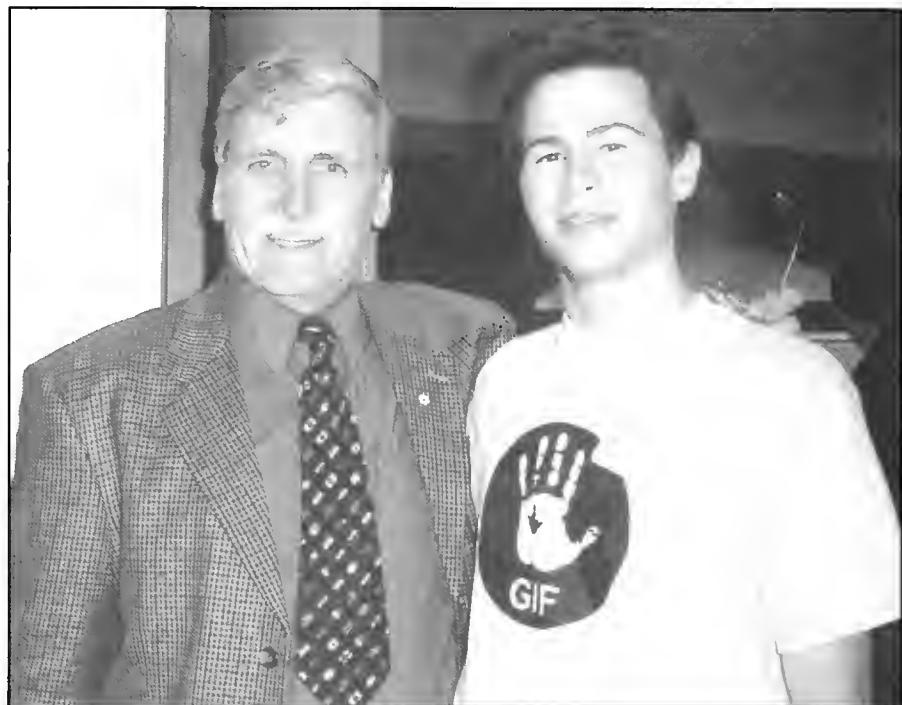
The conflict—now in its third year—has killed 400,000 and displaced 2.5 million. Roméo Dallaire calls Darfur "another Rwanda."

To its great credit, the African Union, a regional organization modeled after the UN, broke with the international community's prevailing pattern of paralyzing equivocation. Last summer, the AU established itself as the principal mediator between Darfur's warring parties and announced in September its plan to send a 3,200-member peacekeeping mission. In April, the African Union announced its plan to increase the size of the force to more than 7,700.

On January 11, Jan Pronk, the UN Special Representative for the Sudan, told the Security Council that the enhanced African Union Mission in Darfur (AMIS II) "has done more than any other outside agent to improve the security situation on the ground."

Unfortunately, effusive praise from world leaders has not translated into adequate assistance.

Jan Egeland, the UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, reports that "The AU force is much better than people



Andrew Sniderman (right) with Lt.-Gen. (Ret.) Roméo Dallaire

say...but it is unbelievable that the world has not been able to help more."

"Getting the troops is not a problem," says AU spokesman Assane Ba. "But you can't deploy troops where they can't have tents to live in, food or logistical communications. The problem is support from the international community."

This inexcusable neglect of the only credible mechanism willing and able to improve security in Darfur has needlessly cost lives, and will continue to condemn Darfurians to death.

It is this policy failure that gave birth to the GIF. This tax-exempt organization—whose supporters include six Members of Congress, two Members of Parliament, Nobel Peace Prize nominee Lloyd Axworthy and former UNAMIR Force Commander Roméo Dallaire—will collect private funds to help finance the AU peacekeeping mission and pressure governments to pursue a comprehensive action plan to end the genocide.

The provision of humanitarian aid cannot tackle the highest priorities in Darfur, security and civilian protection. The UN's Egeland reports that "the world is only putting an expensive humanitarian plaster on an open wound in Darfur."

To be sure, private citizens cannot provide the requisite financing to field an entire peacekeeping mission. That is

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why the GIF hopes to leverage its financial contributions into a powerful lobbying tool to pressure governments to pursue a comprehensive action plan to end the genocide in Darfur. The GIF seeks to strengthen and catalyze government and UN action, not replace it.

The GIF will signal to national governments and international organizations that there is a passionate and committed constituency that insists on immediate action in the face of genocide.

It is our hope that an innovative initiative like the Genocide Intervention Fund will goad the world into action.

Like many before us, though, we fear becoming what Arthur Koestler famously called "screamers" during World War II. Calling on citizens to care about faraway orgies of violence, even on the apocalyptic scale witnessed in Darfur, is a notoriously difficult exercise.

Koestler lamented that the screamers—a frustrated minority who protested Nazi atrocities—could never manage to capture an enduring commitment from their audiences. "You can convince them for an hour," Koestler said, but then "their mental half-defence begins to work and in a week the shrug of incredulity has returned."

Maybe so. But the screamers in Koestler's day never had the Internet. An hour is not a long time, but it is long enough to visit [www.GenocideInterventionFund.org](http://www.GenocideInterventionFund.org), donate to the Genocide Intervention Fund and send a letter to your government representative.

The clock is ticking.

If it seems unusual for citizens to be fundraising for peacekeepers, that's because it is.

Normally, this is the job of nations. Thus far, they have failed to mount an adequate response in Darfur, where a genocide has killed 400,000 and displaced 2.5 million.

On March 1st, 2005, I spoke to hundreds of thousands of Canadians across Canada via radio about the Genocide Intervention Fund, an organization I co-founded. We combine fundraising for African Union peacekeepers stationed in Darfur with advocacy work aimed to catalyze government action.

I conducted radio interviews with twelve different regional CBC stations because I wanted to offer Canadians an opportunity to act. It was not so long ago that I was asking myself with frustration, "What can I do?"

In October of 2004, another student and I hatched a plan to launch a comprehensive campaign to help stop the genocide. This included an unprecedented effort to raise funds for an under-resourced peacekeeping mission in Darfur, a mission that was literally the only thing standing between innocent civilians and roving, murderous militias.

At first, our aim was to provoke debate, not launch an organization.

When the Center for American Progress, a Washington-based think tank, offered institutional support for the Genocide Intervention Fund, we seized the opportunity. I decided to leave school to help anchor a core group of my classmates at Swarthmore who were committed to translating our vision into a reality.

Our victories came quickly and often. Not only did we receive massive support from policy experts, but we quickly organized a vibrant grassroots campaign.

In the beginning of February, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum hosted a conference for college students to foment activism focusing on Darfur. This is where I held my first conversation with Roméo Dallaire, who immediately offered us his support.

The Swarthmore delegation used the conference as a springboard for the formation of the Genocide Intervention Fund. One month and a \$400 cell-phone bill later, we boasted a network of over one hundred middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

On April 6th, we launched our "100 Days of Action" campaign on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The campaign aims to raise \$1 million and produce 100,000 letters to government officials.

Five Members of Congress (two Senators and three Representatives) spoke at the event. More than three hundred students from forty-two states—including California, Texas, Idaho, North Carolina and Georgia—attended the press conference and participated in an afternoon of lobbying.

If we are to reach our goals, however, we must extend our reach beyond the United States.

Canada, with an internationalist Prime Minister and a history of peacekeeping, seems a fitting place for the Genocide Intervention Fund to thrive.

Selwyn House School, with its history of leadership and distinguished Old Boys, could spearhead our next groundswell of support.

One need only listen to the words Roméo Dallaire uttered in 1994 as the world failed to respond to the murder of 800,000 Rwandans.

"Where there's a will, there's a way. Let's go."

If you would like more information, please visit [www.GenocideInterventionFund.org](http://www.GenocideInterventionFund.org). The Genocide Intervention Fund accepts tax-deductible donations on-line and by cheque in the United States and Canada.

# Career Day: Paul Starke '90

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**S**elwyn House Senior School students were fortunate to hear a number of interesting speakers on Career Day on April 20, 2005. Many of the speakers were Old Boys. On the following pages we recap the content of the presentations of Old Boys who took part.

Selwyn House students rarely hear a speaker as entertaining as Paul Starke. Then again, entertainment is his business.

As keynote speaker at this year's Career Day, the 1990 graduate demonstrated the comic touch that has earned him a spot writing and producing for hit television shows.

He began by downplaying his academic performance while a student at Selwyn House, describing himself as a "profoundly mediocre" student. "I won no medals at Selwyn House," he said. "There was no asterisk next to my name."

The genesis of his creative career was winning a prize in the Illustrated Poetry contest by writing a bit of nonsense poetry and gluing a few pieces of Kraft singles and other foodstuffs to it. This self-described "piece of garbage" won him third prize, and he never looked back.

"If this sounds like you, there's a home for you in the entertainment industry," he told his audience. He said the experience taught him a lesson: "Differentiate yourself by taking a chance."

Paul also made note of an article he wrote for the SHS student newspaper *Nexus*, which garnered a round of applause from his fellow students when it was mentioned in an assembly in 1990. "I decided I wanted to make everyone laugh, to entertain people," he said. "The roots of that were right here [at Selwyn House]."

After graduating from Selwyn House, he attended Emerson College in Boston, an entertainment-centred school where a student's final exam might be to produce a 35-mm movie or write a sitcom.



**Paul Starke '90**

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and rehearsed," he divulged. "The hard part is to make it look spontaneous."

The television business can be very competitive, Paul cautioned. On The Chris Rock Show, Paul was the youngest of fifteen writers, all of whom would be pitching their material for hours during production meetings. But the gratification of seeing even one of your own jokes make it to air made it all worthwhile.

He recommended that anyone who is interested in writing for television should make a practice of observing life and taking notes of what they see. "There are comedy and intrigue everywhere," he said.

His final advice: "Be passionate about what you're doing, and it will seem like a privilege, not a job."

In Paul's first job application after graduation he included "professional ninja" as one of his previous jobs. This outlandish claim was not to be taken seriously, he insists, but was intended only to attract attention and move his résumé to the top of the pile. In Paul's case the gamble must have worked, for he soon landed a job as a production assistant for NBC News, a position that included such glamourous responsibilities as cleaning up after stars' pets. "It was a thankless job," he said, "but you do it with a smile, because, in TV, the first job is the hardest to get."

Paul says he learned to write comedy while working for The Chris Rock Show on HBO, where he found the casual, "frat-house" working atmosphere very creative. "For the first time in my life, work was not taxing," he recalled. He passed that lesson on to his Selwyn House audience, urging the career-seeking Senior School boys to "Find the one thing you would do [even if it were] for no money."

He eventually moved on to become a producer for The Tony Danza Show, where he learned a lot about how TV talk shows really work. "Everything the host and guests say is heavily scripted

# Career Day: Alex Hyder '77

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**A**lex Hyder doesn't play video games. Hardly a startling revelation about a man who graduated from Selwyn House in 1977, until one learns that, as director of video game development for Electronic Arts, he is responsible for developing the latest version of the Medal of Honor game for Xbox and Playstation 2.

"As a student, I loved science," he told Selwyn House Senior students at Career Day on April 20. "I never loved math but I had to do it, and I'm good at it. English and history—I didn't see the point."

But he loved Grade 10 and 11 physics. Kinematics (the study of velocity and acceleration of objects) was "really cool," he discovered.

After graduating from Selwyn House, Alex completed a master's degree in mechanical engineering at McGill, specializing in robotics. Afterwards, he moved to Houston, Texas to work on simulators for NASA's space shuttle programme. For five years, he wrote software and did analysis for the simulation programmes used at the Johnson Space Center, until he got tired of working in the aerospace industry. "I found it too bureaucratic and political," he told the students. "Young engineers want to get their hands dirty."

So he moved back to Montreal to apply himself to other trends in software engineering, which led him into video game production—an interesting turn of events in view of the fact that video games didn't really even exist when he was in high school.

Even though he had no experience as a gamer, Alex found that game development encompassed many aspects of his professional training. The game engine that drives the process is really "a big trigonometry machine," he told the students. To create a three-dimensional image of the world out of a projection on a two-dimensional screen is very computationally intensive, he said. As many as one hundred thousand polygons must be programmed in order to create lifelike movements within a scene. Realistic human motion requires the use of "inverse kinematics," in which actual human movements must be analyzed and "reverse engineered" and translated into mathematical algorithms.

And all this happens in real time. "Pixar takes two hours

to render a single frame [of a computer-animated movie]," he said. "Video games have 1/60 of a second to do the same job."

"Math was never my passion, but I had to do it or I wouldn't be able to do what I do today," he told the students. "Programming games takes more math than aerospace work."

"The aerospace industry is ten years behind the leading edge of technology; games are ten minutes behind."

The roomful of students were enthralled; some seemed to be only a few steps behind the speaker in their grasp of game technology.

Although all its members work with computers, Alex explained

that a game development team must include people who approach their work from different disciplines, including not just programmers, but also background artists, animators and sound designers. To work together, a team must also be able to speak a common language, which is where Alex learned the value of communication and the usefulness of all those humanities courses he hated in high school.

At a cost of \$5M to \$30M to develop a new game, his profession is big business and competition is intense, with a hit game often outselling its nearest competitor by ten times. "The hours are long and fast-paced, but every day is different and never boring," he assured.

How to prepare to enter an industry in which the fighting is as intense as the games it produces?

"Learn the fundamentals," Alex says. "You have to learn the hard stuff, and school is the only place to do that."

## SHS turns 100 in 2008

It sounds like a long way away, but we are already thinking of ways to celebrate and ways to share more of the School's history. We will be enlisting the help of Old Boys, parents and staffers who might have some memorabilia or stories to share with us. Contact Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, (514-931-9481 ext. 228, [cozens@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozens@selwyn.ca)) if you have something you think will be of interest, or if you would like to join our planning committee.



Alex Hyder '77

# Career Day: Andrew Black '79

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Throughout his professional life, Andrew Black has tried to look at a business like a puzzle, wondering how it is put together and how it might be taken apart and re-assembled to work better.

Whether it's toothpaste or mobile phone service, the measure of a company is always based on what it can deliver to the consumer. "My passion has always been to find out why people buy what they do," the 1979 Selwyn House graduate told the Senior School students on Career Day on April 20.

After graduating from Queen's University, Andrew became a brand manager for Colgate-Palmolive, where he was in charge of launching the Colgate Pump. It was a great place to learn, he says, but he found the company to be overly structured and slow to change.

From Colgate, Andrew went to Cadbury Schweppes in Connecticut, where he was in charge of the 7UP and Crush brands. "It was my first chance to work with U.S. business people, an experience that gave me a broader perspective," he says. After eight years in Connecticut, he went to Dallas, Texas to work for the company's Dr. Pepper line.

He eventually left because he realized he did not share the company's values. He wanted to work in an atmosphere of honesty, integrity and trust, but he also wanted to have fun.

So, at age 35 he set out to land a new position in the American job market. He was called in for a hundred interviews, one of which was with Nike. There were no immediate openings, but they asked him to stay in touch. Soon afterward, when Tiger Woods won his first Masters Golf Tournament, Nike called Andrew back to ask him to be general manager of their line of golf equipment, including high-end Nike golf balls. At the next Masters, Andrew accompanied Tiger's mother around the course throughout the tournament.

From here, Andrew moved to Portland, Oregon to manage Nike's ACG shoe division, manufacturers of the shoes worn by Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France. He discovered, to his surprise, that, while they made great running shoes, the company's factories in China were not manufacturing good boots. So he visited the Timberland factory to learn how to make a better boot. The end result



Andrew Black '79

is that Timberland is now making boots for Nike.

Andrew talked to the students at Selwyn House about advertising for a brand like Nike. "We rarely talk about our product (in these ads)," he said. "The idea is to keep the brand cool."

When he left Nike, Andrew went back to Connecticut to work for Lego, the world's largest toy company, where he was instrumental in introducing the highly successful Bionicle series. Visiting the company's factory in Denmark, he found a way to improve production by adding two new million-dollar production lines.

At this point, Andrew's business odyssey was changed forever when a huge motorcycle met him at the airport in London, England. It was a limo-bike sent by Sir Richard Branson, the billionaire entrepreneur who founded Virgin Records in 1971 and has since branched out into innumerable bold entrepreneurial ventures. Andrew was summoned to a half-hour conversation with Branson, who said he liked Andrew's style and wanted to know more about him, what his values and beliefs were.

Branson signed Andrew to head up the Canadian branch of Virgin Mobile, the first mobile virtual network operator to enter the Canadian mobile phone industry.

Only thirteen per cent of mobile phone users stay within the time plan they have purchased, Andrew told the Selwyn House students. These customers pay exorbitant rates for the extra minutes they use. Virgin Mobile plans to save its subscribers money by billing them on a flat rate.

At Virgin, Andrew leads a marketing team made up of seven members who are "so young and rebellious they make me nervous," he confesses. Twice weekly he meets with his leadership team—the rest of his time is spent learning the ropes of the company, which has 8.5 million customers in the U.K. and has just expanded into Australia and Canada.

He finds that Virgin has the kind of stimulating working environment he has been looking for, where creativity is prized over servitude. "I don't work weekends and I have four weeks' vacation every year," he told the students. "I'm not always plugged in—I've learned how to turn the business off."

He says he'd like to work for Virgin until he retires. "I've never had so much fun in my life."

# Career Day: Robert Emond '86

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

While politicians and diplomats smile for the cameras, much of the actual work of international relations takes place behind the scenes by people like Robert Emond, a 1986 graduate of Selwyn House. As a guest speaker at Career Day on April 20, Robert was able to give students a genuine insight into the dealings that go on between countries such as Canada and China.

"When I left Selwyn House I didn't have a clear idea where I wanted to go—but I knew what I didn't like," he confessed to the students.

After graduating from SHS, Robert studied at Collège Brébeuf and the Université de Montréal, going on to earn a law degree at McGill and articling in Paris and Montreal. Wanting a break from his years of study, Robert decided to visit China. While travelling there, he noticed a "startling" proliferation of building cranes, even in secondary cities. He realized that China was exploding economically, even though its legal system was still in its infancy by western standards.

He undertook an intensive study of Mandarin and took a job in Shanghai helping North American and European businesspeople get established in China. After a few years of this he applied for a job with Foreign Affairs Canada. "I wanted to help shape foreign policy at ground level," he explained.

He joined the Legal Affairs Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2003. Stationed in Beijing, Robert says his job was "to approach Chinese officials and explain to them that they should adapt their laws to improve opportunities for foreign investment."

Foreign Affairs assignments are rotational, he explained, with employees being moved frequently from city to city and from assignment to assignment. Robert deals with issues ranging from treaties and trade agreements to environmental accords and peacekeeping measures.

To illustrate a typical work day, Robert mentioned that, after his appearance at Selwyn House, he would be driving back to Ottawa, where he would write a three-page memo on Canadian measures to fight sea pollution. This memo was to be circulated among six MPs who would grill him on its contents before taking the issue to Parliament.



**Robert Emond '86**

"Governments are so complex now that politicians can't decide on everything," he said. "Quite often they'll just sign off on our recommendations."

Over the next year at the Canadian Embassy he expects to be dealing with everything from visas to trade to scientific information. He is one of three people at the Embassy who specialize in trade policy.

He said he finds the work rewarding. "There are things I can influence that I couldn't in the private sector." In China, the relationship between investments and human rights is "a big debate."

"There are things you'd like to do, but you have industry groups you have to listen to," he said. China, he points out, is still a

totalitarian state. The press, for example, is still controlled by the government. As an illustration of the tight reins still held by the Chinese government, Robert mentioned a colleague, a French lawyer, who was followed by government agents for three weeks after sending an e-mail containing anti-government statements.

Despite the limitations inherent in his job, Robert seems to find his work fascinating. He assisted with Prime Minister Paul Martin's January 2005 visit to China, and in August he will return there as a trade policy advisor to the Canadian Embassy in Beijing.

## **Veritas on-line**

The magazine you hold in your hands includes alumni and school news from the 2004-2005 year at Selwyn House. Much of this material has already appeared in the on-line *Veritas* on the SHS Web site ([www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)).

With the innovation of putting our news on-line, SHS constituents can get school news while it is still current, and can also access older articles in the *Veritas* archive. Current and archived articles are password protected for viewing and/or printing. Instructions for accessing the electronic version of *Veritas* will again be circulated among the SHS family.

We hope Old Boys enjoy accessing school news as it happens.

## FEATURE

# Career Day: Yan Besner '96

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and Richard Wills, Publications Editor

The province of Quebec can be a great place for a young man to enter the legal profession, provided he has the requisite language skills. At least that's the way it worked out for Yan Besner.

"My path was an easy one," he says. After graduating from Selwyn House in 1996, he attended Collège Brébeuf and then went directly into law school at the Université de Montréal. This would not have been possible in another province. Quebec is the only place in Canada where a student can go directly into law school without first obtaining an undergraduate degree.

The prospect of attending a school like Brébeuf and working entirely in French made Yan apprehensive at first. Fortunately, he found Brébeuf to be a great school, similar to Selwyn House in many ways. Still, it was a bit of a culture shock at first.

The challenge paid off, however, because his French improved greatly.

At first he was enrolled in Health Sciences at Brébeuf, which he soon decided was not for him. He liked the idea of law. Also, his parents and his counselor were encouraging him to give law a try.

Yan came to see that a law degree gives a person more options than most degrees because it can also lead to other jobs outside the legal profession itself.



**Yan Besner '96**

In his second year of law school he was recruited to work part-time for Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, and has been with the firm ever since.

While articling, he decided the courthouse environment was not for him—that he did not want to be a litigator. It didn't feel natural. He felt he was more business oriented.

He tried working in securities, but switched to corporate, commercial and real estate law.

Yan says he works long hours, but fewer than he would have to work if he were in Toronto or New York. Montreal affords him a better-balanced lifestyle.

A typical day at the office finds him working half in French, half in English.

Studying in French turned out to be a huge asset for working in the legal profession in Quebec. It's important to be able to work in the language of your client, he said, and that requires a high level of written and spoken French.

"The Quebec market is interesting that way," he said.

Yan advised the Selwyn House students that law firms look for candidates who are personable. Studying never stops in law, he told them, because laws are always changing and lawyers have to keep on top of all these changes.

His general career advice: eliminate the things you don't want to do and you will gravitate toward the choice that is right for you.

## Alumni & Friends E-mail Directory

For SHS Old Boys, Current and Former Staff, Current and Alumni Parents

### Visit the school's home page and register on the Alumni and Friends E-mail Directory.

Go to the Web site ([www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)) and choose the Alumni section from the menu bar. Scroll down to the E-mail Directory button to register and you will join 900 others who have done the same. It's a great tool that allows Selwyn House constituents around the world to keep in touch with the school and with one another.

### New! Class Notes

As you browse the E-mail Directory you'll find this section

where one can post notes on a message board to fellow classmates. Planning a get-together or have some good news to share? Post your notice here.

### New! Chapter and Occupation Fields

Help us to streamline our e-mailings. Please update your profile and be sure to include your geographical region (chapter) and your occupation. And, why not update your biography while you're at it?

# Career Day: Alan Rossy '79

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, and Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**W**hen Alan Rossy graduated from Selwyn House School twenty-five years ago, he already knew what he wanted as a career. He had grown up in a family retail business and he wanted to stick with what he knew.

"My dad encouraged me to get as much schooling as I could," he told Selwyn House students at Career Day on April 20. After getting a B.A. in economics from McGill, he joined the family enterprise, Rossy Stores. But the future had bigger things in store.

When Alan was younger, his family often vacationed in Florida, an experience that opened his eyes to greater possibilities in the retail world.

There he discovered Walmart stores, which, until 1993, only existed in the U.S. "I was enthralled," he recalls, and he was determined to discover the key to the chain's amazing success.

So determined that it landed him in hot water. One day he and some friends went into a Walmart store and Alan began checking out their shelving, fascinated by the way it was modular and as easy to assemble as Lego—so easy it could be set up and rearranged by any employee. He began taking off items and dismantling the shelving to see how it was made, intending to use a similar design for Rossy Stores. Before he knew it, his friends had disappeared and left him to deal with an irate store manager.

In 1993, Alan's family established the Dollarama chain, opening their first store near Matane, Quebec. His prices were so low that the mayor of Matane came to the store to inspect the merchandise, suspecting that the shelves were stocked with stolen goods.



Alan Rossy '79

Soon the Dollarama stores were out-selling the Rossy stores. Alan and his father realized how much demand there was for dollar items. The point was driven home even further when they opened a store in Outremont and saw people shopping in fur coats.

"Even rich people want value for their dollar," Alan realized.

"I was having fun and being creative," Alan recalls. He was inspired by Walmart founder Sam Walton, who would meet with his employees to get suggestions on how to improve operations.

The family converted all its Rossy stores to Dollarama stores. Over the past twelve years the enterprise has

grown to the point where Alan is now Director of Retail Store Operations and Buying for over 350 stores in seven provinces.

And he still likes to analyze products to figure out how to achieve his goal of "Better value for less money."

For example, he once saw a toolbox on the shelf at Canadian Tire and studied it to figure out how to make one that would sell for a dollar. On Career Day, Alan gave these same boxes out to boys filled with brand-name dollar items such as a CSA-approved extension cord, work gloves, Panasonic flashlights, Armourall cleaning cloths, etc.

Going against the trend, Dollarama's owners achieve their success without advertising. Through a practice of aggressive negotiation with their suppliers—most of whom are in China—they have maintained a thirty eight-per-cent gross margin.

"We're not greedy," he explains. "We just want to see how much we can give you for a dollar."

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### New! On-Line Event Registration

All SHS constituents can easily register for upcoming events. This secure site allows you to register and/or pay for your tickets via credit card. Or, if the event is free, you can reserve your seat. Look for the Event Registration button on the home page at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

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The cheque need no longer be in the mail. Make your donations to Selwyn House School in a matter of minutes on a secure site. The On-Line Donation button is located

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### On-line Publications...Password: [safenews](#)

Keep in touch with the school via the SHS Web site. From here, the latest news on current students and their activities can be found by selecting the *Parents' Newsletter* link. And, for Old Boys wanting to read about their former classmates and Old Boy events, select the *Veritas* link. Note: The password "safenews" is required to access either of these electronic publications.

# Career Day: Michael Lenczner '94

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**C**areer Day is not only about CEOs in boardrooms and financiers in ivory towers. It can also be about creating community projects that extend technology into places where it is needed most. Sometimes it's all about work done for its own reward.

Speaking to students at Selwyn House Career Day on April 20, Michael Lenczner '94 described himself as an "underachiever" during his eleven years at Selwyn House. "I was an avid athlete, but an uneven student," he confessed.

But, he said, "There is life after Selwyn House, even if you're not getting all A's while you're here."

After graduating from Selwyn House, Michael attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Queen's University. He taught computer courses for a while before volunteering to go to West Africa with OXFAM for six months.

He returned with a resolve to put his technological skills to work in a volunteer situation. This led to the founding of Ille Sans Fil, a thirty-five-member non-profit volunteer group that exists to provide free wireless Internet access in public spaces in Montreal.

Ille Sans Fil will set up wireless Internet in a café or library, as long as the establishment pays the \$80 cost of the hookup.

The local hookup is programmed to display other



**Michael Lenczner '94**

computer users on-line at the same time in the same area. This is intended to encourage people in the same locality to communicate with one another and share local news and information.

The aim, Michael says is "to create [a sense of] community."

Ille Sans Fil set up its first "hot spot" in 2003. There are thirty-five now. There are already 4,300 registered users, with an average of thirty people per day logging on.

The organization's latest project is working with the local merchants' association to set up a series of "hot spots" along St. Laurent Street.

Obviously, Ille Sans Fil doesn't pay the bills. While working to "put community back into the Internet,"

Michael has also been working as a consultant on how wireless technology might be used in the developing world, and teaching at-risk youth how to use blogs (Weblogs).

Michael says it was people skills, more than technical skills, that led him into his current career. "You don't necessarily think of your life's path as a career," he says. "Putting a lot of time into volunteer groups led to more paying gigs. Now it's working very well as a career."

"I enjoyed my time at Selwyn House very much," he concluded, "but [school] gives you one idea of success that should not be the only criterion you judge yourself on."

## New faces on Board of Directors



At the December 2004 meeting of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors, Wendy MacDonald and Jim Coristine '66 retired from the board, while former Old Boys' Association President Michael D. Penner '86 (left) and Selwyn House parent Me Louise Houle-Dupont (right) were elected as directors for a period of three years. Filip Papich '77, current President of the Old Boys' Association, is a director by virtue of his office with the Old Boys' Association.



# August Barbecue 2004 a summer hit

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

This year's annual barbecue for recent graduates was a very well-attended and jovial evening. Forty-nine Old Boys and staff gathered under blue skies in the Speirs courtyard, where Steve Durant and David Teebenny from the kitchen served up some great hamburgers and everyone sat around patio tables enjoying one another's company.

It is wonderful to see the younger grads back at the School after a short hiatus, and all seemed genuinely happy to be back in the company of their former classmates (some with tales from far-off lands, interesting workplaces and new educational ventures).

As well as seeing one another, they got to see the amazing changes that have taken place at the School in the short time they've been away. Groups were taken on tours of the ongoing construction of the Lucas Building, where they were awed by the reconfiguration of their old school. The building has changed so much that most of them were unable to get their bearings. "It's so light! These kids have light up here," was one comment. Despite the changes, they managed to conjure up great memories of the past, describing how school was in their day.

Those who were touring the Speirs Building for the first time were equally wowed. Having such an amazing gym underground, a glorious library and SMART boards in every classroom are things these grads can only dream of at their universities and CEGEPs.

The energy of these young men and their enthusiasm for Selwyn House were very apparent as they continued their reunion at the barbecue and long into the night!



Old Boys chat with the Headmaster and faculty at the barbecue.

## Attendees

Mike Avedesian '88,  
Director, Old Boys' Association  
Miguel Burnier 2003  
Alex Black 2000  
Jonathan Brun 2000  
Domenico Brunetti 2002  
Roberto Brunetti 2001  
Alan Cameron 2000  
Dave Cameron '99  
Rob Campbell 2002  
Chris Chackal 2002  
Taylor Dixon 2002  
Andrew Echenberg 2000  
Chris Eich '97,  
Director, Old Boys' Association  
Steve Frankel 2001  
Zaven Gunjian 2000  
Michael Gross 2000  
Conrad Harrington 2000  
Dave How 2000  
Rayan Kaedbey 2001  
Maks Knecht 2002  
Jon-lan Lui 2001  
Sasha Mandy 2000  
Vinay Mandy '96  
Patrick McEntyre '92,  
Director, Old Boys' Association  
Joe Mekhail 2001

Christian Meguerditch '99  
Matthew Munzar 2000  
Randy Naami 2000  
Nick Niro 2002  
Eric Ordonselli 2001  
Michael Penner '86,  
President, Old Boys' Association  
Matthew Riggs 2000  
Adam Rosencwajg 2001  
Alex San Gregorio '99  
Adam Sternthal 2002  
Jason Tsadilas '88,  
Director, Old Boys' Association  
Orestes Tsoukas 2000  
Nathan Vexler 2002  
Josh Wolfe 2002  
Nino Zammit 2002

## Faculty and Staff:

Will Mitchell, Headmaster  
Sharon Cozens  
Steve Durant  
Maureen Mackell  
Alfie Paoletti  
Pat Shannon  
David Teebenny  
Barry Williams  
Richard Wills

## NEWS

# Record turnout for Old Boys' Reunion 2004

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations



Tim Peters proposes a toast to the Class of '54.



The Class of '54, back row from left: David Teroux, Charles Colby, Blair McRobie and Tim Peters. Front row: Rodney Tait, Richard Udd, Deane Nesbitt, Tony Maxwell, James Evans, and Bill Pedoe

Through the magic of e-mail, (and in some cases, snail mail) the word of the October 1 reunion was received all over the world, resulting in a record number of attendees, 170 in all, from five countries. As reunion planning goes, the Alumni and Friends E-mail Directory proved to be a significant improvement in communication.

One would think that the weekend activities for the Class of '54 were being planned by 16-year olds. Class reunion organizers Tim Peters and Charles Colby organized a varied itinerary, including a pre-cocktail cocktail, Saturday morning tennis and brunch and a weekend in the country. Bill Pedoe compiled some of his memories of Selwyn House days to share with his class, as well as offering some school-time photos to the Selwyn House Archives. Each of the ten attendees from the Class of '54 took a moment at the podium to toast Selwyn House and to recount their experiences as students when the school was located on Redpath Street.

Twenty-three members of the Class of '79 were able to join in the festivities. Class Reps Toby Lennox and Alan Rossy spearheaded the planning and worked throughout the summer to make everyone aware of the milestone this event represented. Attendees from

## Reunion '04

oversees included Jean-François Chenier from Japan, Chris Paton from London, England, and Jean-Philippe Bry from Paris. Due to imminent births, geographical location and weddings, William McNally, Pranab Das, Stephen Fong, James Thackray, Benjamin Shaer, Martin Osmond, Patrick Webster and others could not attend and were rather disappointed to miss the event. A former SHS debater, Toby Lennox, represented his class at the podium and offered a toast to his classmates on this very special occasion.

The ten-year celebrants from the Class of '94 also had a good showing and were very happy to be in one another's company again and on familiar ground. Thanks to Class Reps Ben Weating, Tyler Cavell (and many others), 26 classmates attended. Louis Pearson spoke for his class and with his dry wit remarked that one cannot go anywhere without meeting someone from Selwyn House.

Kudos to the Class of '84 for their participation on a night which highlighted 10, 25 and 50-year classes. This group, impatient to be together for their twentieth, had a great turnout thanks to Hagen Mehnert, Jon Blanshay and others. They are an example to Old Boys from all years to join in and enjoy this annual event.



The Class of '79. Back row, from left: Jack Ogilvy, Alan Rossy, Andrew Price, Jon Caplan, Stephen Hall, Toby Lennox and Mark Walford. Front: Karel Nemec, Richard Whitehead, Bart Sambrook, Nick Powell, Paul Korn, David Shannon, Chris Chapman, Michael Pateras, Jean-François Chenier, Robert Lande and David Kredl. Standing in front: Christopher Paton.



The Class of '94. Back row, from left: Dan Roiter, Sriram Krishnan, Jonathan Gross, Jon Tryansky, Stuart Weigensberg, Marcus Daniels, David Haimson and Michael Lenczner. Middle row: Neill Hunt, David Marquis, Andrew Lord, Corey Lowsky, Louis Pearson, Tom Johnson, Eric Lewandowski, Mallar Chakravarty, Ben Wearing, David Drury and Brad White. Kneeling: Jon Brady, Eric Bui-Quang, Nick Kaulbach, Tyler Cavell and David Haber

# Bryan Fitzpatrick '74 receives 2004 Speirs Medal

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**B**ryan Fitzpatrick, a Selwyn House graduate who has been a tireless member of the Board of Directors and an invaluable volunteer parent for the school, received the Speirs Medal at this year's Founder's Day celebrations on November 24, 2004.

Bryan graduated from Selwyn House in 1974 and from LCC in 1975. He received his B.Sc. in civil engineering in 1980 and his MBA from the University of Denver in 1985. He has amassed over twenty years' experience in the construction and development industry and is currently a principal in the Axor Group Inc., where he is involved in the development of projects in Canada and around the world, for both the private and public sector.

Bryan's professional expertise made him a natural choice to chair the Building and Property Committee of the Board of Directors during the most ambitious construction and renovation project the school has ever undertaken.

At this time last year, the school was officially dedicating its new Speirs Building. This \$10.4M edifice contains a beautiful new library, an underground gym, offices, computer labs, meeting rooms, assembly areas and much more. Completing the construction of this building in a small space without interfering with the school's daily activities was a miracle of organization and thorough efficiency. After the Speirs Building was completed, an extensive renovation of the Lucas Building was a mammoth undertaking in its own right. This was followed by a major upgrade of ventilation in the Macaulay Building.

"For the past several years, Bryan has been chairman of the Building and Property Committee, overseeing the hugely complex but equally successful building programme at Selwyn House," said John Hallward, Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, in his introduction of the Speirs Medalist. "For the past several years, including the busy summer construction months, he helped select and brief the architects, solicit approval from the City of Westmount, supervise the bidding process, support fundraising, negotiate prices with the contractors, review building plans, attend constant weekly construction site meetings, resolve conflicts between the trades, and so on and so on, and so on....

"And not just once," Hallward continued, "but for the construction of the Speirs Building from start to finish in 2003, the renovation of the Lucas Building in 2004, the ventilation improvements for the Macaulay Building, and a



**Bryan Fitzpatrick (left) accepts the Speirs Medal from SHA Board Chairman John Hallward.**

long list of related project improvements. And he has done this almost totally behind the scenes without recognition, expecting nothing in return.

"When the board selected Bryan as this year's recipient of the Speirs Medal, Bryan was shocked," Hallward recalled. "In my mind this simply reflects his selfless service he has offered without expectation of any reward."

"Bryan's role has been vital to our success," said Headmaster Will Mitchell of the choice of Bryan to head up the Building and Property Committee. "It was Bryan, who, as a volunteer, daily brought his expertise, his diligence, his attention to detail and his can-do attitude to whatever challenge we faced. Said simply, we put the right thing in the right place for the right reasons, and Bryan should get much of the credit."

The choice of Bryan for this important role was an obvious one, based on the reputation he made for himself while a student at Selwyn House, said Mr. Mitchell. "At school, Bryan was an excellent student, a prefect and one of the best and most courageous all-around athletes the school has seen. I'm told by a classmate, who I know speaks for others, that Bryan was respected not only for his obvious talents, but for his directness, optimism and unquestioned integrity. His character lends itself to others seeking his participation and the high degree of engagement he brings to any situation. In return, he seems to expect very little, other than friendship and camaraderie based on the simple

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human values of decency, good will and of giving the other person the benefit of the doubt.

"Personally," said Mr. Mitchell, "I have seen all these things in Bryan as we've worked together. For me, it was my job. Bryan did this as a volunteer."

In his address to Selwyn House students at the morning assembly for Founder's Day, Bryan Fitzpatrick dwelt on the contributions of teachers and his fellow classmates, many of whom, like Bryan, have gone on to become parents of SHS students.

The students enjoyed seeing the slides that accompanied Bryan's speech, showing then-and-now photos of teachers from 1974 who are still on staff here.

"As a director on the Selwyn House board for the past eleven years, I have also been able to meet some of the teachers who arrived at the school after I had graduated," Bryan said, "and I am constantly impressed with their dedication towards teaching and making sure that you, as students and young adults, are challenged both inside and outside the classroom.

"When I think of teachers at SHS, I think about people who give you support when you're faced with challenging situations. I think about people who let you speak your mind and be imaginative, as well as people who are compassionate when things get difficult. And I also think of people who push you beyond what you believe you are capable of doing."

Bryan also touched on the important role played by classmates, especially those who go on to become fellow parents of SHS boys.

"One of the great things about the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association is that it can put you back in touch with friends you lost touch with, and it provides a way for Selwyn House traditions to remain with you for life," he said.

"One of the best features of this school is the feeling of community it instills in you even after you graduate. In some ways I've learned just as much from Selwyn House since graduating as I did when I was a student here. As a member of the Board of Directors and an active parent, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such dedicated people."

It took a great deal of fortitude to complete the fundraising for the school's construction and renovation project, as Bryan explained in his speech at the evening award ceremony.

"If I think back to the beginning of the 'Making Room for the Future' project some six years ago," he said, "I remember clearly when the board was professionally advised that the maximum amount of fundraising we were likely to

attain was \$4.5M. That fell far short of our initial needs, which were approximately \$8M at that time. What a dilemma. The board then made a bold decision to forge ahead with the project because it believed that the school's need for additional space was critical to its future and its ability to deliver its diverse programmes to as many students as possible.

"Now, six years later, the school has raised over \$15M, which has enabled us to build the facilities and space we needed."

## Donations from Founder's Day November 2004

The following donations were announced at the Founder's Day assembly:

The Argyle Shop - \$15,000 for dining room furnishings in Coristine Hall; \$5,000 to the Lucas Campaign for renovations to the Lucas Building.

Gryphon Sale - \$1,200 to the Nancy Pitfield Scholarship Fund at Selwyn House; \$1,200 to the Lucas Campaign.

Terry Fox Run - \$26,446.15 was raised for cancer research during this year's Terry Fox Run.

Fall Festival - Over \$11,000 was raised this year. Mrs. Tracey Wathier, co-chair (along with Alison Matheson) of this year's Fall Festival, presented cheques to the following organizations: \$1,000 to Share the Warmth for renovations to their kitchen, \$1,000 to Westmount Park School to support their health programme and \$1,000 to Dans la Rue to assist young people in need.

Donations to Selwyn House School included: \$1,000 to the Nancy Pitfield Scholarship Fund, \$2,000 to the Selwyn House School Trip Fund to subsidize academic and athletic trips, \$1,000 to the Addy Pathak Merit Scholarship and \$2,500 to the Lucas Campaign for renovations to the SHS kitchen.

Financial support will also be given to the Selwyn House School Parent Volunteer Association to help fund the many volunteer initiatives at the school.

The Old Boys' Association, through fundraising efforts such as the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, raised \$82,000 for financial aid for the school.

# First 'No Classic' a slam dunk

By Colin Boyle, SHS basketball coach

**O**n December 8, 2004 Selwyn House hosted the first annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament, with Old Boys from 1988 to 2003 taking the court.

The tournament was named in honor of Colin No '97, who died of a brain aneurysm in 2002. Colin was an all-round athlete who played several team sports and was elected to the SHS Sportsmen's Guild. Colin was also part of the Midget Gryphons basketball team that won the GMAA and Provincial Championships in 1995.

The tournament was a round-robin affair. The games were closely contested and were played in competitive, yet friendly, Selwyn House spirit. The eventual winners were a team comprised of boys from the Class of '97 (Kevin Boyle, Marco Gagliano, Ziad Kaedbey, Ian Marquis, Richard Martz, Ajay Narasimhadevara, Rob Vroom and Kevin Wang). Three star hoopsters from the early '90s (Ryan Antoniadis, Bryan Guinness and Masaud Kakkar) looked like they hadn't lost a step. Coaches Alfie Paoletti and Marty Boyle worked the scoreboard and heckled the players. All the while I tried to keep up with my former players as they moved up and down the court.

Afterwards the players and coaches talked about old times over a few drinks and some pizza. Everyone was very impressed with the new gymnasium in the Speirs Building. Several rejuvenated b-ballers talked of getting out to play more often in the Old Boys' Wednesday Night League (every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Macaulay Gym).

Next year it is expected that the second Colin No Classic will draw even more Old Boys back to play some hoop.

## Attendees

Paul Pathy '88, Ryan Antoniadis '93, Bryan Guinness '93, Masaud Kakkar '93, Kevin Boyle '97, Ziad Kaedbey '97, Ian Marquis '97, Richard Martz '97, Ajay Narasimhadevara '97, Rob Vroom '97, Kevin Wang '97, Eric Martz 2002, Jeff Barkun 2003, Miguel Burnier 2003, Michael Grover 2003, Abibou Ngom 2003, Luca Pavlovic 2003, Colin Boyle (staff), Marty Boyle (staff), Alfie Paoletti (staff), Steve Mitchell (staff), Jaime McMillan (staff), Rob Wearing (staff), Headmaster Will Mitchell and Sharon Cozens (staff).



**The winning team, from left: Marco Gagliano, Ian Marquis, Kevin Wang, Rob Vroom, Ajay Narasimhadevara, Kevin Boyle, Ziad Kaedbey and Richard Martz**



**Eric Martz moves the ball down the court against Rob Vroom.**

# Whites take Nicoll Cup in sudden death

By Steve Mitchell, Athletic Director and Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

With no talk of a players' salary cap, the 2004 Old Boys' Hockey tournament, held on December 17, 2004, was an undisputed success. The alumni draft of our four teams was negotiated in the spirit of the sport, and the final contract negotiations were settled on three issues: ice time, classmates, and refreshments.

The tournament, held at the Paul Sauvé Arena in Verdun, was organized on a round-robin schedule, with games of twenty minutes' running time.

Team White finished first in fine form with three wins and no losses. The squad was made up of veteran forward and captain Craig Shannon '71, Rob Farnoli and John MacDonald '95; young draft choices Conrad Harrington (goalie), Trevor Parekh, Rod Leider, Josh Mitchell, and Patrice Roy (all 2000); and former-goalie-turned-forward Tom Evans 2001.

The Gold Team, led by the original-six goalie Pete Shatilla '86 and Captain Mike Avedesian '88, along with Steve Barkman '89, brothers Franco '95 and Alex San Gregorio '99, Matt Singerman '96, Nino Zammit 2002 and Alex Brown 2004, (bolstered by SHS Athletic Director Steve Mitchell) finished the round-robin with two wins and one loss.

The veteran Red Team surprised everybody by tying a game and scoring three goals for an average of a goal per game. The "kid line" of Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Fil Papich '77 and Tim Fitzpatrick '77 were joined on the Reds by Don Bloxam '76, Colin Bird '77, goalie Ali Argun '80, Phil Smith 2004 and SHS staffers Mike Maurovich and Steve Colwell. Amazing effort!

The Blue Team finished the round-robin with one tie and eight goals for. Captained by Frank Bergon '97 and parent Alex Zammit, the Blues included 2005 SHS varsity players Mark Esposito, Niki Thorpe and goalie John Shen, whose youthful legs meshed well with the talents of Pierre Bergon 2002 and Chris Churchill-Smith 2001.

For the final, the tournament moved from the arena's annex to the main auditorium, a bigger rink with more room to move. With goals from Mike Avedesian and Matt Singerman, the Gold squad took the lead over the Whites, who struggled to connect. In the second half, however, two late goals by Rod Leider and Josh Mitchell forced the championship game into a sudden-death playoff. Early into the overtime and driven by the smell of pizza, Matthew



The White Team, standing, from left: John MacDonald, Trevor Parekh, Rod Leider, Tom Nicoll presenting the winners' banner, Rob Farnoli, team captain Craig Shannon, Conrad Harrington (goalie), Patrice Roy, and Josh Mitchell. Kneeling, Tom Evans

Singerman scored the winner on a wrist shot from the top of the circle to beat Conrad Harrington. Tournament over.

Thank you to everyone for coming out. It was great to see everybody. Hockey is alive and well at Selwyn House. We have just signed a 10-year deal to secure the tournament with the Selwyn House Players' Association. Please reserve your spot for next year.

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## Attendance

**Old Boys:** Craig Shannon '71, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Don Bloxam '76, Colin Bird '77, Tim Fitzpatrick '77, Fil Papich '77, Ali Argun '80 (Goalie), Pete Shatilla '86 (Goalie), Mike Avedesian '88, Steve Barkman '89, Rob Farnoli '95, John MacDonald '95, Franco San Gregorio '95, Matthew Singerman '96, Frank Bergon '97, Alex San Gregorio '99, Josh Wisenthal '99, Chris Churchill-Smith 2000, Conrad Harrington 2000 (Goalie), Rod Lieder 2000, Josh Mitchell 2000, Trevor Parekh 2000, Patrice Roy 2000, Tom Evans 2001, Pierre Bergon 2002, Nino Zammit 2002 and Alex Brown 2004

**Varsity Players:** Mark Esposito 2005, John Shen 2005 (Goalie), Niki Thorpe 2005

**Parent:** Alex Zammit

**Staff:** Steve Colwell, Mike Maurovich, Steve Mitchell

**Fans:** Luke Avedesian, Michael Avedesian Sr., Sharon Cozens, Nick Kaulbach '94, Guest of Tom Evans, Jaime McMillan, Will Mitchell, Tom Nicoll and Rob Wearing.

# Comedy Night raises \$135,000

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

When was the last time Selwyn House School supporters accomplished so much while having so much fun?

Over 350 guests raised \$135,000 for the school's Campus Renewal Programme and outside charities. And they did this while grooving to the music and laughing at the antics of impressionist and former Selwyn House parent André-Philippe Gagnon at the school's first Comedy Night, held at Club Soda on February 15, 2005.

Proceeds from the event will be used to help defray the cost of renovations to Coristine Hall, the school's dining room. A \$10,000 donation was also made to the Montreal Children's Hospital for renovations to their emergency room, plus \$1,000 to the Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation.

One of Canada's best-known live acts south of the border, André-Philippe Gagnon made his foray into the big time with appearances on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson two decades ago. His show-stopper at that time was a complete rendition of the "We Are the World" famine-relief benefit song, with Mr. Gagnon faithfully reproducing the voices of all eighteen singers on the original recording.

On February 15 he reprised that performance as part of a fast-paced one-man whirlwind tour of pop music, featuring flawless re-creations of the hits of a parade of pop performers, from Frank Sinatra and Julio Iglesias to Michael Jackson and Barry White (at the same time) to all members of the Rolling Stones and the Temptations. He had the whole audience on its feet to provide the Motown moves to accompany the Temptations song.

The crowd went wild for a bit of audience participation when former Selwyn House board member Duncan Campbell was pressed into service to sing a few lines of a song. Mr. Gagnon joined in with a note-perfect on-the-spot impression of Mr. Campbell's dulcet tones.

Opening for Gagnon was Montreal comedian Joey Elias, a well-known veteran of the Just For Laughs comedy festival.



From left: Sharon Cozens, Selwyn House Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, joins Lisa Smith, volunteer chair of the Comedy Night Committee and SHS Headmaster Will Mitchell to cheer the night's financial accomplishments.

Between the comedy acts, SHS Advancement Director James McMillan, assisted by Headmaster Will Mitchell and some of the school's more stageworthy staffers, conducted an exciting live auction in which over \$50,000 worth of donated prizes were sold off. Prizes included everything from an hour of ice time at the Bell Centre to a vacation at The Crane in Barbados, one of the most beautiful beach resorts in the world.

Throughout the evening guests had been adding their names to bidding sheets in a Silent Auction, where everything from oil paintings and a collection of fine wines to a jersey autographed by Canadiens goalie José Theodore were on the block.

The climax of this event was the Tickle Trunk Key Raffle, in which Christine LaRivière bought the lucky key that won her two tickets for a trip to Paris, valued at more than \$8,000.

Guests who had purchased tickets for the VIP lounge had an opportunity to meet Mr. Gagnon after the show. Graciously receiving all requests for photos, the engaging impressionist made a good impression on everyone in the crowd, both onstage and off.

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Above: André-Philippe Gagnon on stage.  
Below: the audience gets into the sing-along on "My Girl"



# Coaches take first Old Boys' Bonspiel

By Russell Fraser '99

**O**n Saturday, February 26, a jovial group of Old Boys and former staff of Selwyn House gathered at the Royal Montreal Curling Club for the first annual Old Boys' Bonspiel. Inspired by several Old Boys from the Class of 1999 who wanted to relive their glory days, the event drew sixteen contenders, ranging in skill from beginner to advanced, ready to don their sliders and sweep their way to success.

Old Boys' Association President Fil Papich welcomed the group.

Four teams of four were formed, and Round 1 of the competition got underway. Sheet 2 was the scene of a hard-fought game between the veteran Coaches' Team (SHS Senior School Director Rob Wearing, along with former teachers Jack Martin, Bill Badger and Monty Krindle) against Team '99, made up of Russell Fraser, Henry Buszard, Matt Busbridge, and Murray Stark '74. The game was close, but after four ends of play and several beautiful shots by skip Martin, the Coaches' Team came out the winners with a final score of 5-3.

On Sheet 3, Team '92, made up of Michael Carreiro, Matthew Adler, Pat Patterson (former staff) and Caroline Badger (guest), went up against the New Millennium Team, made up of experts and novices Bryce Durafourt 2004, James McKinney 2002, Shawn Errunza 2004 and Sharon Cozens (staff). Despite honorary throws by the Headmaster for the New Millennium Team, skips Carreiro and Adler led Team '92 to victory.

Round 2 found the two winning teams paired up to battle for first and second place, leaving Team '99 and the New Millennium Team to battle for third. The Coaches' Team once again made no mistake and sealed their bonspiel victory by defeating Team '92. In the end, Team '92 and Team '99 tied for second place, with the New Millennium Team bringing up the rear.

In true curling tradition, after the bonspiel, the curlers retired to the top floor of the club to sip on fine aged

Scotch and to cheer the Coaches' Team as they were awarded the plaque as inaugural Old Boys' Bonspiel champions. A surprise appearance by David Cude, former teacher of several Team '99 members, capped the afternoon off nicely.

Deemed by all to have been a great time, the curlers are looking forward to the Bonspiel next year, to test their mettle against the current champions, and hopefully meet new challengers!

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Bryce Durafourt 2004 lets loose a rock for the New Millennium Team.



The victorious Coaches' Team, from left: Jack Martin, Bill Badger, Rob Wearing and Monty Krindle

# Star hosts Toronto Reception 2005

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

The May 12 Old Boys' Reception was once again hosted by Michael Goldbloom '69, Publisher of the *Toronto Star*, at the newspaper's Toronto offices. Forty Old Boys and guests enjoyed the delicious cocktail food and the amazing view of Lake Ontario from *The Star's* official board room.

It was a pleasure to see the familiar faces, young and old, from our annual Toronto reunion circuit. Ed Ballon '39 was the most senior Old Boy present; the most junior Old Boy being Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas 2001.

Mr. Mitchell welcomed all, noting the attendance of Speirs medalists Robert Paterson '41 and Ian Burgess, former SHS Board Chairman Michael Goldbloom, former Board member Lee Watchorn, present Board member Norman Tobias, and former staff members Gayle Jewer and James Stewart.

After a brief update on the status of Selwyn House, Mr. Mitchell opened the floor to questions and an involved discussion ensued, with topics ranging from Bill 104 to the importance of strong parenting in our ever-expanding technical world.

Remarking on how we are all aging, Gayle Jewer was astonished to see that her former students are now permitted out after dark. Thus is the reality of reunions, our minds are caught in the moment of our time at Selwyn House, but our bodies have moved on.

## Attendees

Ed Ballon '38, Robert Paterson '41 and Ann Paterson, Gordon Sharwood '46, Charles Chaffey '54, Tim Peters '54, Lee Watchorn '59 and Nancy Watchorn, Murray Leiter '64 and Susan Silverman, Michael Goldbloom '69, Richard Earle '70, Chris Roper '72, Donnie Shannon '72, Norman Tobias '73, Derek Frost '75, Roger Osmond '77, David Shannon '79, Richard Graham '79, Ted Nash '80, David Williams '80, Probal Lala '83, Sean Sofin '84, Jake Richler '85, Barry Friedberg '87, Marc Schaffer '94, James Brooks '97, Matthew Busbridge '99, Morgan Ball '99, Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas 2001, former staffer Gayle Jewer McGuinness and Greg McGuinness, former staffer James Stewart, former staffer Ian Burgess and Joanne Burgess, Headmaster Will Mitchell,

Director of Advancement James McMillan, and Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

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From left: Gordon Sharwood '46, host Michael Goldbloom '69 and Murray Leiter '64



From left: Probal Lala '83, Toronto Chapter representative Sean Sofin '84 and Barry Friedberg '87

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

By: William Daly '52, Golf Committee Chairman



Above from left: Mike Soles, Hagen Mehnert '84, Chris Gillett '85 and Bill Black '86 at the ninth hole. Right: Dominic Potenza sinks a putt.



**A** record number of golfers turned out on Monday, May 30, 2005 for the seventh annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at the Kanawaki Golf Club, 114 in total. Rain poured down on all participants for about twenty minutes, but otherwise it was a perfect day for a round of golf.

Another record was set that day. A total of \$109,000 was raised for the Old Boys' Endowment Fund, which provides financial aid to deserving Selwyn House students. This result was accomplished through the tournament's most generous sponsors, along with funds from a putting contest and silent and live auctions. Some of the items auctioned off were: a round of golf at the Royal followed by dinner at the Globe with golf committee members Mike Avedesian '88 and Hagen Mehnert '84; a football autographed by Anthony Cavillo; a signed Bob Gainey sweater; five nights' stay in Costa del Sol, Spain; a signed Sidney Crosby sweater; and a pair of tickets to the Masters 2006 in Augusta, Georgia.

Congratulations go to Edouard Morin from the Class of 2000, who won the Old Boy's Trophy this year, carding

a 78. He also had the longest drive on the 18th hole. The low-gross team prize, meant for a foursome, was awarded erroneously to the two-man team of alumni parent Dalton Barnoff and guest Danny Barnoff. After a re-calculation, the four-man team of parents Adam Cutler and Fernando Salvo and guests Stefan Leziy and Patrick Stodola were found to be the winners and will have their names engraved on the Tim Shorter '81 Down-Under Trophy.

The golf committee incorporated some new ideas into the tournament this year, including a barbecue on the course, a silent auction, and a putting contest. All were very well received.

After a very pleasant cocktail hour, all participants and special guests sat down to a delicious meal. Old Boy caps were presented to the youngest team, which was comprised of Will Cundill, Chris Deruchie and Ben Meadow, all from the Class of '94. As well, \$100 was given to Ben Meadow, who had the closest putt during the putting contest, actually hitting the pin. Live auctioneer Mike Avedesian '88 conducted an enthusiastic auction. Finally, a cheque presentation to Headmaster Will Mitchell ended the

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evening on a very high note indeed.

Many thanks to all who sponsored or participated in this increasingly popular tournament and to the staff at Kanawaki Golf Club for hosting us once again. We look forward to our eighth annual tournament next year.

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Immediate right: Jim Coristine '66 on the course. Far right: Sheila Jablonski chips.



### Golf Committee 2005

William Daly '52, Chairman

Ali Argun '80

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Bill Black '86

Chris Gillett '85

Peter Higgins '89

Sheila Jablonski (parent)

Brad Massi '96

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Bill Shannon (parent)

James McMillan, Director of Advancement

Sharon Cozens, Director of

Alumni and Parent Relations



Selwyn House Headmaster Will Mitchell (centre) receives a cheque from Golf Tournament Chairman William Daly (left) and Old Boys' Association president Fil Papich.

### Results

Best Foursome .....	Adam Cutler Stefan Leziy Fernando Salvo Patrick Stodola
Best Two-Man Team.....	Dalton Barnoff Danny Barnoff
Low Gross, Old Boy (78) ..	Edouard Morin 2000
Low Gross, Guest (75) .....	Randy Kelly
Low Gross, Ladies (93) .....	Judy Martin
Closest to Hole 3 .....	Ladies: Sheila Jablonski Men: Jasson Finney
Closest to Hole 17.....	Ladies: Not marked Men: Bobby Piazza
Longest Drive.....	Ladies: Micki Morton Men: Ed Morin 2000



Ed Morin (left) receives the winners' cup from William Daly.

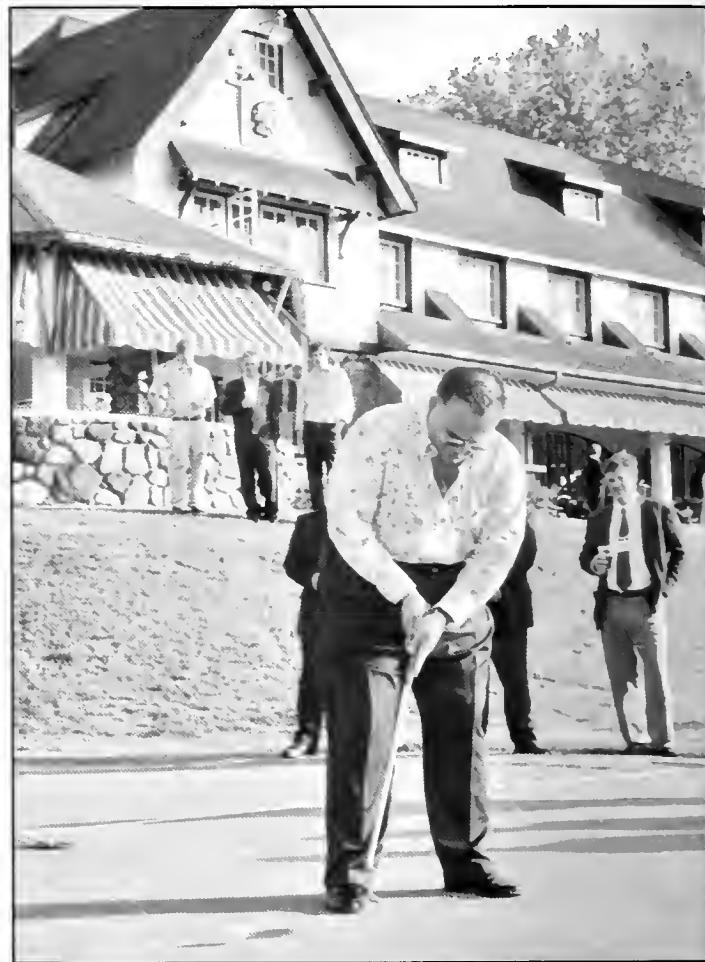
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### Foursomes

Players	Grad Year	Mark Culver	'74
<b>Hagen Mehnert</b>	'84	Peter E. Johnson	parent
Bill Black	'86	Randy Kelly	parent
Chris Gillett	'85	<b>Stephen MacCulloch</b>	parent
Mike Soles	guest	Danny Minogue	parent
<b>Vince Guzzo</b>	'86/parent	Emil Shiri	parent
Claudio Pierrangelo	guest	Connor O'Brien	parent
Franco Iezzoni	guest	<b>William Daly</b>	'52/parent
Jasson Finney	guest	Peter Darling	'52
<b>Alex Zammit</b>	parent	Grant Daly	'82
Dominic Porensa	guest	David Daly	'80
Nino Zammit	2002	<b>Peter Higgins</b>	'89
Carlo Bizzotto	parent	Lester Fernandes	parent
<b>Sabino Grassi</b>	parent	Julian Kotler	guest
Mike Panzera	parent	Phil Belliard	guest
Ken Verdoni	guest	<b>Ali Argun</b>	'80
Santo Gracioppo	guest	Claude Asselin	guest
<b>Steve Green</b>	parent	George Salsa	guest
Chris Van Homrigh	parent	Dan Rogers	guest
François Carlier	parent	<b>Patrick Stodola</b>	parent
David Salzman	parent	Stefan Leziy	guest
<b>Tony Del Balso</b>	parent	Adam Cutler	parent
Geoff Dowd	former staff	Fernando Salvo	parent
Will Mitchell	Headmaster	<b>Robin Day</b>	parent
<b>Anthony Farnoli</b>	parent	Stephane Langevin	guest
John Morland	guest	Jean Lachance	guest
Rob Farnoli	'95	George Pigeon	guest
John MacDonald	'95	<b>Michael Avedesian</b>	'88
<b>Fil Papich</b>	'77/parent	Bobby Piazza	guest
Bryan Fitzpatrick	'74/parent	Alain Bergeron	guest
Tom Kaufman	---	Scott Jones	parent
Tim Fitzpatrick	---	<b>Rob Briscoe</b>	'87
<b>Christine Cachia</b>	parent	Timon Deichman	guest
Mary Larson	parent	Ian Pickwoad	'87
Jim Wuest	parent	Dan Fletcher	'86
<b>Sheila Jablonski</b>	parent	<b>Mark Friedman</b>	parent
Karma Hallward	parent	Michael Munzar	parent
Micki Morton	parent	Eric Clark	parent
<b>Martin Janelle</b>	guest	Christian Hamel	parent
Mario Martel	guest	<b>Harvey Penner</b>	parent
Alain Ostiguy	guest	Jean Germain	guest
Christian Archambault	guest	François Jean	guest
<b>Howard Dermer</b>	parent	<b>Pierre Parent</b>	parent
Mark Smith	parent	Albert Lacharité	guest
Craig Shannon	'71/parent	Chuck Rubin	guest
Chris Shannon	'75	John Mulholland	'78
<b>Alan Desnoyers</b>	guest	<b>Brad Massi</b>	'97
Jean Daoust	parent	Charles Colby	'97
Jim Coristine	'66/parent	Ray Massi	parent
Robert Balit	parent	Denis Ferland	parent



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Dinner Guests		
<b>David Cohen</b>	guest	Kathi Biggs
Craig Starke	guest	Sharon Cozens
Rob Hirscheimer	guest	Ted Claxton
<b>Edouard Morin</b>	2000	Fionnuala Cullen
Ben Spencer	2000	Eli Daniels
Matt Munzar	2000	Nina Dyson
<b>Dalton Barnoff</b>	parent	Jill Higgins
Danny Barnoff	guest	Maureen Mackell
<b>Will Cundill</b>	2004	Carol Manning
Chris Deruchie	2004	Jaime McMillan
Ben Meadow	2004	Danielle Munzar
<b>Judy Martin</b>	parent	Rhodie Salzman
Diane Deruchie	parent	Virginia Van Homrigh
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John Biggs	guest	Richard Wills

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# 55 Old Boys inducted into OBA

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

**C**ongratulations to the fifty-five most recent members of the Old Boys' Association. The Class of 2005 was welcomed to the OBA by President Fil Papich '77 on June 13. Fil explained how the presence of SHS Old Boys is significant as one goes through life, and that this year's graduates will come to realize this before long.

The relaxed barbecue lunch was much appreciated, as was the attendance of Association past-presidents William Daly '52 and Michael Penner '86, and current members of the Old Boys' Board Paul Mayer '74, Nick Powell '79, and Alan Rossy '79. As is the custom, Old Boys' ties were

presented to each member of the graduating class, along with a class photo. Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, described the upcoming calendar of events that are created for Old Boys by Old Boys, spoke of the services available from the alumni office, and reiterated the importance of staying in touch via the E-mail Directory.

The following are the 2005 Class Representatives: Andrew Bloomfield, Philip Clark, Philip Cutler, Aaron Esterson, Camille Hamel d'Entremont, Patrick Malouf, Ian Matheson, and Brendan Munzar.



Above, left, Sharon Cozens shows new Old Boys how to register on the Alumni E-mail Directory. Above right, William Daly congratulates Patrick Malouf on being inducted as a member of the Old Boys' Association.

Representatives from the Class of 2005, from left: Camille Hamel d'Entremont, Patrick Malouf, Phillip Cutler, Andrew Bloomfield, Aaron Esterson and Ian Matheson.  
Absent from photo: Philip Clark and Brendan Munzar

# Old Boys' Association Report

By Fil Papich '77, President of the Old Boys' Association

I hope you enjoy the cover of this issue of *Veritas*. The concept, "The Evolution of an Old Boy" was created and photographed by Tom Königsthal '74, in an effort to put a face to the name of the Old Boys' Association, a topic that was discussed at our Old Boys' Board meetings this year. The goal was to help "demystify" this association. Sure, people know that it exists, but some may not know what it is responsible for.

One of the key goals of the association is to keep Old Boys in touch with one another and with the school. Just by reading this magazine, you'll see that a number of events and activities are organized for Old Boys by Old Boys. With every event, attendance gets better and better. We're proud of that. With every new initiative, such as this year's Old Boys' Curling Bonspiel or the Colin No Basketball Classic, a new group of Old Boys appear. With different interests come new attendees, and the result is a more integrated group of Old Boys.

We have established other goals for the association as a result of the Old Boys' Board Retreat held in April of this year. Improving communication among Old Boys via the Class Representative system, and helping to increase involvement in the Annual Giving Campaign are two goals that will be a concentration for us in the fall.

One project that we are particularly proud of is the establishment of the Old Boys' Endowment Fund, which was set up three years ago and is a means for us, as a collective group of Old Boys, to help strong students who, without our support, would not be able to attend Selwyn House. To date, the Old Boys' Association has raised over \$340,000 for this endeavor through proceeds coming from the Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament.

As I said at this year's Old Boys' Induction Lunch for the graduating Grade 11 students, "You may not realize this right now, but the school has contributed materially in shaping who you are. As time passes, you will understand just how important it is to perpetuate your association with the school."

I encourage all Old Boys to get involved in one of the many activities and get reacquainted with Selwyn House. As a current parent, I'm enthusiastic about what the school offers to students. As an Old Boy, I am equally enthusiastic about the efforts made to keep in touch.

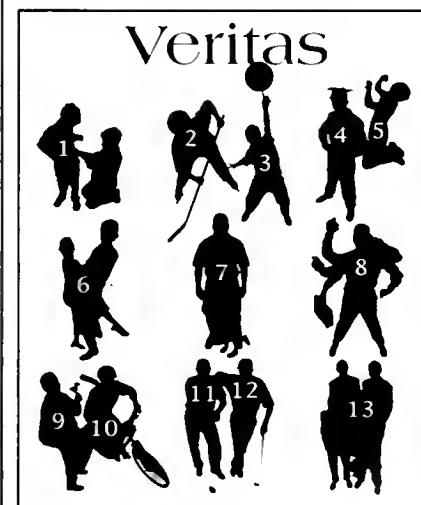


Members of the Old Boys' Board, from left: Fil Papich '77, Tom Königsthal '74, Bill Black '86, Alan Rossy '79, Nick Powell '79 and Hagen Mehnert '84

## Cover Photo: Evolution of an Old Boy

The cover photo for this issue of *Veritas* was created with the help of current and former members of the SHS and OBA boards of directors, along with family and friends, to illustrate the life stages of an Old Boy, from Kindergarten student to grandfather.

1-Vittorio Guzzo 2017 and Angelo Guzzo 2015; 2-Robert Fitzpatrick 2009; 3-Patrick Mayer 2010; 4-Ian Matheson 2005; 5-Stefan Papich 2006; 6-Patrick McEntyre '92 and wife, Daniela Flores; 7-Michael Avedesian '88 with sons Matheson and Luke; 8-Alan Rossy '79; 9-Duncan Campbell '69; 10-John Carsley '67; 11-Peter Darling '52; 12-William Daly '52; 13-the Hallwards: John '78, Hugh '40, Derek 2007 and Evan 2009



# Tennis Tournament: a hot time at the Hillside

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

The Hillside Tennis Club courts heated up beyond the 30°C temperature due to the fast and furious play of SHS Old Boys at the sixth annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament. Sixteen Old Boys and one call-up (Thanks, P.J.) made this a hot event. The team of Matthew Beckerleg '94 (fresh off the injury list) and Colin Ross '51 were this year's doubles champions with the teams of Tim Fitzpatrick '77 and Keith Martin 2002 a close second and the Powell brothers (Chris '77 and Nick '79) in third place.

Other SHS Old Boys were at the Club for dinner, a game or a swim, some unaware of the event (they have since learned to register their name on the Old Boys' Email Directory): Brad Massi '97, Charles Colby '97, Ben Spencer 2000, Bart Sambrook '79, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Trevor Ham '87, and Rod Quinlan '89. All were curious about the invasion of SHS Old Boys.

Thanks to the Hillside for hosting us once again and thanks to Mrs. Monod (mother of Paul '74 and David '77) for organizing the buffet dinner.

## Doubles Partners

- Matthew Beckerleg '94 and Colin Ross '51
- Ted Claxton '73 with subs Peter Johnson (Old Boy dad), Patrick McEntyre '92 and William Daly '52
- William Daly '52 and Andrew Ramsey '84
- Tim Fitzpatrick '77 and Keith Martin 2002
- Patrick McEntyre '92 and Oliver Sasse '92
- Fil Papich '77 and Jamie Ritchie '88
- Tim Paul '71 and Mike Avedesian '88/ Michael Penner '86
- Chris Powell '77 and Nick Powell '79



From left: champion Colin Ross, organizer William Daly, champion Matthew Beckerleg and OBA President Fil Papich

Right: runners-up Keith Martin and Tim Fitzpatrick.

Below left: third-place finishers Nick and Chris Powell. Below centre: Tim Paul and Michael Penner. Below right: Patrick McEntyre and Oliver Sasse



# Upcoming events

To register for any of the events listed below, go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and select the new Event Registration button.

For more information, please contact Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations,  
at (514) 931-9481 ext. 228 or at [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca).

**Thursday, August 18, 2005:**

**The Old Boys' Challenge (for Old Boys and Staff)**  
Club de Golf Verchères, Verchères. \$125 per person  
includes brunch, golf, barbecue lunch and dinner.

**Tuesday, August 23, 2005:**

**Sixth Annual Barbecue for Young Alumni**  
(Classes of 2000-2004) See ad below.

**Wednesday, September 21, 2005:**

**Wednesday Night Basketball resumes**  
Macaulay Gym, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 30, 2005:**

**27th Annual Old Boys' Reunion**  
See back cover for details.

**Friday, October 14, 2005:**

**Ottawa Old Boys' Reception (Venue and time TBA.)**

**October 27-30, 2005: (See ad page 38.)**

**International Public Speaking Competition**

**November 1, 2005:**

**Annual Giving Campaign begins**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2005: Founder's Day**

Cocktail reception for all constituents.

Congratulations to this year's Speirs medalists,

France Chrétien-Desmarais and André Desmarais '73.

Join us for a friendly round of golf  
with fellow Old Boys  
and Selwyn House staff and former staff.

**Thursday, August 18, 2005**

Reserve your foursome today!

Full invitation, registration and map  
are on the homepage at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

Register on-line!

Golf de Verchères (on the South Shore)

Brunch as of 10:00 a.m.

18 Holes of Golf (shotgun start) at 12:00 p.m.

BBQ Lunch during round

Steak and Pasta Dinner 6:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)

Price: \$125.00 (includes cart)

Payment and form must be received  
no later than August 15, 2005.

**Friday, December 16, 2005:**

**Ninth Annual Old Boys' Hockey Tournament**  
Verdun Auditorium beginning at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 25, 2006:**

**Second Annual Colin No Basketball Classic**  
Speirs Gym, Selwyn House School

**Annual Fundraiser 2006:**

Details about the date, venue and performers  
will be mailed to you this fall.

**Saturday, February 26, 2005 (tentative):**

**Second Annual Old Boys' Curling Bonspiel**  
Royal Montreal Curling Club

**Old Boys' Receptions: NYC, February 28, 2006;  
Boston, March 2, 2006; Toronto, Spring 2006**

**April 19, 2006: Career Day**

**May 29, 2006 (tentative):**

**8th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament**  
Kanawaki Golf Club

**June 2006:**

**7th Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament**  
Hillside Tennis Club

## CLASSES OF 2000-2004

Can't make it to the September 30th reunion?  
Join us at the school

**Tuesday, August 23, 2005**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

for a

## SUMMER BARBECUE

to catch up with everyone  
before they go off to school or work.

(Cash Bar)

Rain or Shine

Pass this info on to your classmates.

Don't miss the tour of the School!

RSVP before August 19, 2005

Sharon Cozens: 931-9481, ext. 228, [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca)

Register on-line at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)

# Prizegiving: the greatest achievement

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

While this year's Prizegiving speeches made mention of the athletic and academic accomplishments of students, staff and parents, it was clear that the school's greatest achievement lies in creating and sustaining a genuine sense of community.

The ongoing renovation and modernization project continue to transform the physical face of the school. Hosting the International Public Speaking Competition in October will display this face to the world. But it is the human experience of a Selwyn House education that kept rising to the surface at the June 22 ceremony.

Both the Headmaster's message and the Valedictory speech stressed the bonds that develop among all the people who are involved in a school like Selwyn House, the companionship among students, the commitment of teachers to their pupils, and the dedication of parents and alumni who carry the school into the future.

"Our aim since the day you entered the school was to ensure that the combination of experiences—academic, extra-curricular, athletic and social—have helped you become a responsible independent learner," Headmaster William Mitchell told the graduating students. "We believe that as a class you have succeeded impressively and on an individual basis often spectacularly."

But, he stressed, the nurturing of a healthy social attitude may be the greatest accomplishment that takes place here. "What is as important to us is that you have learned something about leading responsible lives, about acting consistently and decently to your family, friends and those with whom you study or work," the Headmaster said.

Credit for that achievement goes not only to the students. The Headmaster paid tribute to "a board that continually wants to move the school forward, parents who help us motivate their sons to do their best and students who continually strive to do just that."

"But," he continued, "it's the faculty to whom I extend the greatest thanks and sincerest appreciation. You go about your work with a professionalism and a decency that is and should be the best kind of education you can hand on to your students."

"It's through their participation in [our] programmes



**Head Prefect Stefan Luu receives the Lucas Medal from Selwyn House Board Chairman John Hallward.**

that students get opportunities for recognition and reward. It is because of the inspired work of talented faculty that our students participate so consistently and enthusiastically."

Turning to the graduating students, the Headmaster said, "When your parents enrolled you at Selwyn House, they expected you would receive an excellent, challenging world-class academic education. That was their assumption. While we make no apology for having challenged you academically, we know that it was more probably time outside the classroom that gave you the rich experiences and fond memories you will no doubt continue to cultivate."

The Valedictory message from Head Prefect Stefan Luu reiterated this theme. "One must not forget the most essential part of school life for students: companionship," he said. "Our friends have been a huge influence in making us who we are today. It would simply be naïve to think otherwise. One of the most special things about this class has been the bonding."

"It is with these classmates that we will most enjoy sharing these priceless memories in the future."

"As much as we're all now looking forward to what's next, I know that I'm not alone in saying that Selwyn House will be missed. Countless fresh discoveries have caused many to long for just a few more days together. The intimate environment and our tightly knit grade are unfathomable to many who do not share the Selwyn House experience. We will be forced to start from scratch in our new and larger surroundings after years of learning the tricks of the trade here and owning these familiar hallways."

"I ask but one thing of us as many of us part ways. I ask that we keep a clear perspective on life. That we take time to stand back and realize what is truly important to us because having a clear priority is everything. We must use our experiences here at Selwyn to help us in our future endeavors."

The Class of 2005 is the first Selwyn House graduating class to include students who started at the school at the Kindergarten level. To commemorate this occasion, each of the eight "lifers" presented a rose to their original Kindergarten teacher, Claudine Martel.

# Prizegiving

## Academic Awards

Grade 7: 1st, Zack Balit; 2nd, Sebastian Krolik; 3rd, Timothy Hadjis

Grade 8: 1st, David McLeod; 2nd, Vinay Desai; 3rd, Louis Gervais

Grade 9: 1st, David Ta Kim; 2nd, Alex Kim; 3rd, Luca Melnychuk

Grade 10: 1st, Robert Hinrichsen; 2nd, James Duffy; 3rd, Lawrence Said

## Distinction Awards

Chemistry and McGill Science Award – Niki Thorpe

Physics – Christopher Yee Wong

Biology – James Duffy

Creative Writing – Ben Wilner

McCall Prize for Art – Joe Kucera, Brendan Munzar

Economics – Jason Coviensky

French – *Langue Maternelle*, Mani Alaei, Andrew Bloomfield;

*Langue Enrichie*, Rabib Chaudhury;

*Langue Régulière*, Richard Wong, Harry-Derek Gurberg

Christie History Prize – Niki Thorpe, Phil Clark

General Consulate of Spain Prize for Distinction in Spanish –

Samer Balaghi, Justin Hagen

Byron W. Harker Prize for Literature – Phil Clark

Computer Science – Gareth Brown

Moodey Prize for Mathematics – Sung Jun Bae

Massi Prize for Effort – Ahmad Odeh

## Special Awards

Selwyn House *Chronicle* Cup – Christophe Rainville

Meighen Prize for Writing, Grade 8 – David McLeod

Public Speaking Prize – Ben Wilner

E.C. Moodey Prize for Distinction in Debating – Niki Thorpe, Matthew Shadley

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize – Ben Wilner

E.G. Brine Award – Jack Melkerson

Jock Barclay Memorial Trophy – Vinay Desai

Philip Quaid Memorial Prize – James Rossy

Ernst Brandl Memorial Trophy – Ramin Mohsenin

Aditya Pathak Memorial Medal for Humanity – Gerald Kounadis

Robert A. Speirs Memorial Award – Samer Balaghi

Harvard Book Award – Lawrence Said, Brian Lin

University of Toronto National Book Award – Niki Thorpe

Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize – Stefan Luu

Governor General's Bronze Medal – Niki Thorpe

YMCA Community Service Award – Charles Madon

Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999) –

Aaron Esterson

Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award – Aaron Esterson

Jeffrey Russel Prize – Niki Thorpe, Phil Clark

Lucas Memorial Medal – Stefan Luu

For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).



Prize winners, back row, from left:  
Niki Thorpe, Ahmad Odeh, Charles Madon, Ben Wilner, Andrew Bloomfield, Brendan Munzar, Mani Alaei, Sung Jun Bae, Samer Balaghi and Phil Clark.  
Middle row: Joe Kucera, Harry-Derek Gurberg, Richard Wong, Robert Hinrichsen, James Duffy and Ramin Mohsenin.  
Front row: Vinay Desai, Christopher Yee Wong, Stefan Luu, James Rossy, Jack Melkerson, Lawrence Said, Brian Lin and Gareth Brown

# The Class of 2005...



## International Independent Schools' Public Speaking League Tournament October 26-31, 2005

Help us make this tournament an event to remember for 180 student competitors from around the world!

Judges and billets need to be finalized by September 1. Can you help?

Please contact Sharon Cozens at [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca) (514-931-9481, ext. 228).

To volunteer, select the Event Registration button at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).

Each volunteer will judge three rounds of competition on one of three days.

Meals and snacks will be provided. Judges may sign up for additional days if interested.

Thursday, October 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Two training sessions to choose from:

Thursday, September 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note: It may be possible to judge fewer rounds if a full day cannot be committed to.

JUDGES

BILLETS

SHS families are needed to accommodate three-person teams from October 26-31. If you have room for them and can ensure their arrival to SHS each morning and back to your home each evening, please contact Maria Zammit at [zammit@videotron.ca](mailto:zammit@videotron.ca).

For more information, please read the letter accompanying this issue of *Veritas*.

# ...where will they be this fall?

Mani Alaei	Grade 11	Phillip's Exeter Academy
Jordan Altman	Health Science	Marianopolis
Sung Jun Bae	Grade 11	Phillip's Exeter Academy
Aaron Besner	Honours Commerce	Marianopolis
Andrew Bloomfield	Grade 12	Lower Canada College
Gareth Brown	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Christopher Calderari	Health Science	Marianopolis
Paul Chamandy-Cook	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Rabib Chaudhury	Health Science	Marianopolis
Philip Clark	Grade 11	St. Paul's School
James Coulton	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Jason Coviensky	Honours Commerce	Marianopolis
Philip Cutler	Social Science	John Abbott
David Di Miele	Commerce	Marianopolis
Alim Dhanani	Social Science	Dawson
Mark Esposito	Social Science	Marianopolis
Aaron Esterson	Health Science	Marianopolis
Charles Fortin	Social Science	Marianopolis
David Friedman	Grade 11	St. Paul's School
Shawn Goldsman	Social Science	Dawson
Sean Grover	Social Science	Dawson
Harry Gurberg	Commerce	Marianopolis
Camille Hamel d'Entremont	E-Commerce	Champlain
Sammy Hammouda	Social Science	Marianopolis
Alexander Hayne	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Alexander Henderson	Social Science	Dawson
Brian Hodhod	Health Science	Marianopolis
Bronson Kiu	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Joseph Kucera	Honours Social Science	Marianopolis
Justin Kuzmicki	Social Science	John Abbott
Stefano Lalli	Social Science	Dawson
Simon Leblanc	Social Science	Marianopolis
Stefan Luu	Health Science	Marianopolis
Charles Madon	Grade 12	Neuchâtel Junior College
Gabriel Maldoff	Health Science	Marianopolis
Patrick Malouf	Commerce	Marianopolis
Ian Matheson	Grade 12	Bishop's College School
Theodore McConnell	Grade 12	Bishop's College School
Brendan Munzar	Grade 11	Choate Rosemary Hall School
Ahmad Odeh	Commerce	Marianopolis
Eric Panzera	Social Science	Dawson
Zachary Rolland	Grade 12	Neuchâtel Junior College
Maximilian Rosenstein	Cinema & Communication	Dawson
Francesco Sacco	Commerce	Marianopolis
Olivier Saleh	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Nicholas Schouela	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Matthew Shadley	Social Science	Dawson
Che-Han Shen	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Philip Smith	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Kyle Spiller	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Nicholas Thorpe	Health Science	Marianopolis
Benjamin Wilner	Arts & Science	Marianopolis
Christopher Wong	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis
Richard Wong	Social Science	Marianopolis
Nan Xie	Pure & Applied Science	Marianopolis

# The Parent Volunteer Report

By Maureen Mackell, Coordinator of Parent Volunteer Activities and Special Events.

**L**ooking back on the 2004-05 school year, Selwyn House parent volunteers can be truly proud of their accomplishments. It has been a year of hard work, change and unprecedented success. Who knew that this organization, comprised of current parents, could accomplish so much?

We got the year off to a great start with our first-ever Selwyn House Spirit Day Barbecue, and then the energy, dedication and spirit just kept on going—in the classrooms, at Open Houses, in the Argyle Shop, the Library, the lunch room...the list just goes on. Volunteers were involved in public speaking and debating tournaments, bake sales, science fairs, Career Day, Jazz Cabaret Night and Gryphon Sales.

Selwyn House parent volunteers helped to raise approximately \$185,000 in 2004-05! Through their work on the Fall Festival, Comedy Night, and Gryphon Sale and in the Argyle Shop, the PVA was able to contribute to the following local charities; Montreal Canadiens Children's Foundation, Montreal Children's Hospital, Dans la Rue and Share the Warmth. They also made donations to various school-based ventures, such as the SHS Trip Fund, Westmount Park School, Capital Campaign (for kitchen renovations), and the Aditya Pathak and Nancy Pitfield Memorial Scholarship funds.

The year culminated on June 7, 2005 with a Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea, where volunteers were honoured and acknowledged for their outstanding dedication. Much like last year, this was a time for staff and faculty to pay tribute to the parent volunteers who are such an amazing part of the Selwyn House community. Students were especially helpful at the tea this year, performing and serving with such generosity and spirit.



Eric Del Balso 6A serves parent volunteers, from left:  
Maria Sacco, Iva Kucera and Mylène Francescon-Ellis.

At the tea, outgoing PVA Chair Karma Hallward spoke briefly about the successes of the year and introduced her successor, Nicole Charbonneau. Karma thanked parents for their tremendous support this year, assisting on so many levels from fundraising to classroom activities to school-wide events.

The 2004-05 PVA Board consisted of Karma Hallward, Chair; Susan Einhorn, SHS Board Representative; Nicole Charbonneau, Admission; Lili Le Fèvre, Elementary Class Parents; Myrna MacLean, Senior Class Parents; Helen Matheson, Argyle Shop; Leigh Guerriero, Lunch Service; Alison Matheson and Tracey Wathier, Fundraising (Fall Festival); Lisa Smith, Fundraising (Comedy Night). Many thanks go out to them for their leadership and dedication. Under their guidance we have had a wonderful and rewarding year.

Karma also said farewell to our retiring coordinators: Lili Le Fèvre, Myrna MacLean, Nicole Charbonneau, Alison Matheson, Tracey Wathier and Lisa Smith. Each outgoing leader was recognized for her hard work and dedication with a framed mother-and-son photograph. Of course, most are coming back to new positions on the board. The incoming 2005-06 PVA Board will consist of Nicole Charbonneau, Chair; Lili Le Fèvre, Admission; Susan Einhorn, SHS Board Representative; Helen Matheson, Argyle Shop; Martha Fitzpatrick, Elementary Class Parents; Tracey Wathier, Senior Class Parents; Karma Hallward and Leigh Guerriero, Fundraising; Myrna MacLean, Community Service; Joanne Hebert, Parent Education; and Leigh Guerriero, Lunch Service. All the positions on the board have been filled for the 2005-06 year. There will, however, be opportunities to take on leadership roles with specific special events such as the Spirit Day Barbecue, Jazz Cabaret Night, Founder's Day, Career Day and various other school events.

All Selwyn House parents are invited to participate in the Parent Volunteer Association. The association meets on the second Wednesday of each month. It's a great opportunity to get involved in your son's school, to meet other parents and to have a voice, both individually and collectively. Most importantly, however, while you are working toward specific goals, encouraging school spirit, raising funds or helping to put on a play, you are also forging new friendships, honing your skills and developing new resources.

The School is ever grateful for the PVA's contribution and constant support. It is always with the triangle of commitments in mind that parent volunteers are able to successfully collaborate with the school to promote a healthy, positive learning environment for our boys.

# Parent Volunteer News

## Coordinator of Parent Volunteer Activities and Special Events Goes West



At the Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Karma Hallward, PVA Chair, paid tribute to Maureen Mackell, who is leaving the school this year.

The PVA presented Maureen with a bouquet of flowers, expressing their heartfelt appreciation to Maureen for her contribution to the PVA organization. "We are all so sad to see her go, but we wish her well," remarked Karma. Maureen, in an emotional moment, thanked all the parent volunteers and the School for their tremendous support and spirit.

### Farewell from Maureen Mackell

As another year comes to a close it is good to look back on all the accomplishments of the year and know that we could not have managed without such a congruent relationship between faculty, administration and parents. This is, undoubtedly, one of the reasons why Selwyn House is so strong, along with positive, thoughtful leadership. It is that sense of collaboration and cooperation which makes me feel so privileged to have worked here among all of you.

At the Appreciation Tea the faculty, staff, and boys tried to express our gratitude for the parent part of that collaboration. Your constant support and dedication have surpassed all expectations. It is hard to express in full my gratitude for your patience, ingenuity and hard work. I thank you so much for all that you do in the

school, but mostly for the spirit of community, cooperation and good citizenship that you provide. It is with such sadness, then, that I say goodbye to you all, but feel confident that I am leaving you in very good hands for, as

an organization, you are strong and ever capable. I wish you all well and thank you for all that you have given me. You have enriched my life immeasurably.

### Farewell from Karma Hallward

My two-year position as Chair of the Parent Volunteer Association is coming to an end, so I wanted to use this opportunity to share a few thoughts.

We, as Selwyn House parent volunteers, are so fortunate in the support we get from Mr. Mitchell and his entire staff. They have always been so receptive and supportive of our ideas, really just delighted when we want to help in the school in some way. Having a staff member who deals exclusively with parent volunteer activities (the wonderful Maureen Mackell) proves how much we are welcome in the school. Throughout my ten years of volunteering at SHS, I have met so many kind and generous parents who put in time and energy in big and small doses to be part of their sons' school experience. I extend a big thank you to all the coordinators for their hard work over the past two years. It was a pleasure working with you and I hope to see some new faces in our meetings next year.

### Upcoming Events for the Selwyn House community

Register on-line at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)

#### Spirit Day Barbecue, September 8, 2005, 3:30 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

Parent Volunteers are already planning our second annual Spirit Day. All current Selwyn House families are invited to attend this free school-wide event, which will have you celebrating and enjoying a relaxing afternoon with new and old friends, faculty and staff. Watch for the flyer in the August mailing.

#### International Public Speaking Tournament, October 26-31, 2005

Selwyn House will be hosting this very prestigious event, which will draw participants from around the globe. The PVA, along with the entire SHS community, are invited to contribute to this tournament in whatever way they can. Among other things, we are looking for judges, billeting families, and event volunteers. Please contact Sharon Cozens [cozens@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozens@selwyn.ca) (judging), Maria Zammit [zammit@videotron.ca](mailto:zammit@videotron.ca) (billetting) and Kathi Biggs [biggsk@selwyn.ca](mailto:biggsk@selwyn.ca) (general) for more information and to get involved.

#### Annual Fundraiser 2006

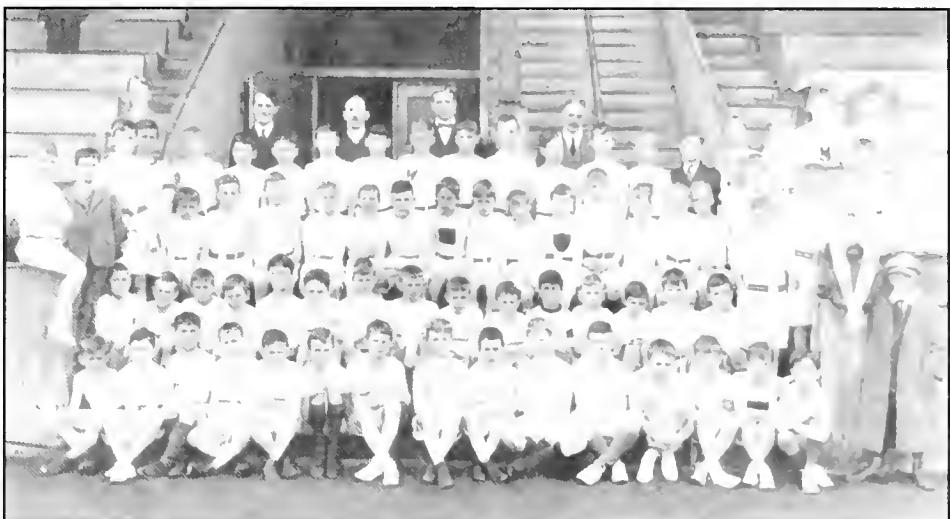
Stay tuned for more information about our Annual Fundraiser. Last year, the Comedy Night raised \$150,000 for renovations to the Lucas Building, as well as for local charities. You can bet this year's event will be another amazing party for the SHS community.

# Feedback from readers

**Colin Ross '52** writes: "I was much interested in seeing in the 2003-2004 *Veritas* a photograph taken in 1917 of Selwyn House students at the MAAA track in Westmount. My late father, Trevor Ross, and many classmates he had as lifelong friends were in the picture. At that time, my father would have been eleven years old. It seems that, especially as we get older, photographs taken from the archives seem to fascinate us."

**Ernie LeMesurier '44** called saying that his uncle, Ormiston Dawes, was in the photo of 1917 MAA track meet. He also asked that the history of the cup he won as a student ("Was it the Lucas Medal or the Redpath Herald trophy?") be noted in *Veritas*. Well, after doing a bit of research we think it was the McMaster trophy you won, Ernie. We hope to feature the background on these trophies in an upcoming issue.

**Chris Chapman '79** recognized the young chap in a trenchcoat as his grandmother's companion Gillies Ross, known to him as "Uncle Dick."



Also, **Paddy Stoker '31** was good to point out that Hugh Norsworthy was omitted from the caption of a photo of a Selwyn House Under-14 football team from 1934 that appeared on page 61 of the 2003-2004 *Veritas*. Hugh is standing in the second row at the far right.

## Twelve named to Cum Laude Society



At the morning assembly for Founder's Day, twelve Grade 11 students and graduates from the Class of 2004 were inducted as members of the Cum Laude Society. In the photo below, they are: Stefan Luu 2005, Christopher Wong 2005, Nicholas Thorpe 2005, Alexander Hayne 2005, Sung Jun Bae 2005, Jordan Benjamin 2004, Mani Alaei 2005 and Charles Ayas 2004. Absent for the photo were: Justin Bahlis 2004, Ivan Neilson 2004, Alexis Youssef 2004 and Sean Duffy 2004. SHS Grade 1 teacher Claudine Martel was also inducted.



# Admission Events 2005-2006

## OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Grade 7 Programme Presentation – 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

School Tours for all Grades – 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy visiting the school, meeting our students, teachers, and parents!



## KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Friday, November 18, 2005

Kindergarten Programme Presentation – 11:00 to noon

School Tours – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## VISIT THE SCHOOL IN ACTION

Come and see the school on a regular school day, and enjoy the Selwyn House atmosphere.

Please join us at the reception desk at 8:30 a.m. on any of the following days:

September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18\*, October 25\*

\*A special sport activity is offered to Secondary School candidates on these days.

Call for Reservations: (514) 931-2775

## ADMISSION ENTRANCE EXAMS

### GRADE 7

#### QAIS COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMS

October 15, 23, 29 & November 6, 2005

February 11, 2006 for late applicants

### KINDERGARTEN

Saturday, January 14, 2006

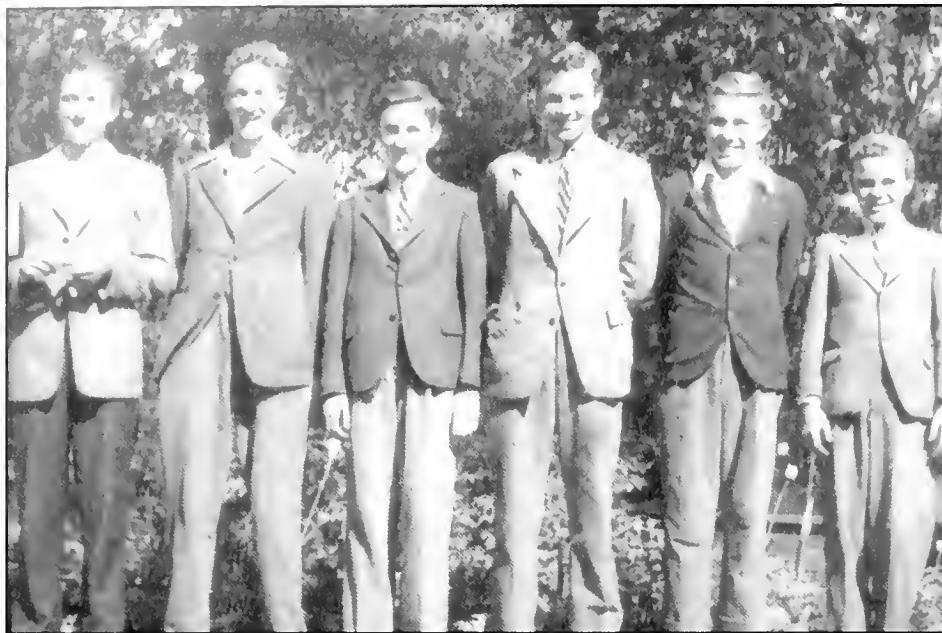
**ALL OTHER GRADES** From November to February, depending on the grade

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

OCTOBER 15, 2005 (Secondary School) - NOVEMBER 24, 2005 (Elementary School)

Contact the Admission Office for further information:  
(514) 931-2775 admission@selwyn.ca www.selwyn.ca

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**Sixth Form, 1943, from left: Leslie Gault, Jacques Tetrault, André Tetrault, Geoffrey Lehman, James Morrison and John Hallway**

## 1943

**Dr. Geoffrey Lehman** of Calgary wrote recently inquiring as to the addresses of his former classmates. He had a photograph to share with them. "It shows the Sixth Form about to leave the school in May 1943. A formal portrait of us was taken in the Notman Studio shortly thereafter. This snapshot was taken by Mr. Cyril Jackson, our favourite and well-loved master, in front of the Redpath Street school. The boards of the hockey rink are visible in the lower right area of the picture.

"I have mailed copies to the others, thinking that they may not have copies of this snap themselves. I hope that it evokes as great a feeling of pleasurable nostalgia in them as it does in me. That was one of the happiest times of my life."

## 1953

**Richard Notkin** attended Selwyn House on Redpath St. from '47 to '51 and then went on to Westmount High (where Selwyn House currently stands). This fall Richard helped organize his fifty-year Westmount

reunion. On October 27 a busload of former students of Westmount High School toured their former school. Memories of those visiting included the fact that there were separate entrances for boys and girls and the midpoint of the hallways on each of the floors (in the current Lucas Building) was the division line that the sexes could not cross. For many on tour that day, it was the first time they had crossed the line to the other group's side!

## 1957

**John Cleghorn** added to his already impressive résumé recently when he was awarded an Honourary Doctor of Laws degree from his *alma mater*, McGill University. The following was printed in the *McGill Reporter*.

"McGill alumnus John E. Cleghorn, OC, FCA, BCom (McGill) is one of Canada's most respected corporate



philanthropic leaders who has shown an outstanding commitment to higher education. Cleghorn has been making history at McGill since 1960 when he was a defensive lineman for the Redmen football team that won the national championship, marking the beginning of four decades of service to his *alma mater*.

"Cleghorn served as CEO of Royal Bank of Canada from 1994 until his retirement in 2001. He led the company to record-setting profits while expanding the bank's reach into the U.S. market. During his time at the bank, Mr. Cleghorn was hailed as a champion of corporate restraint and accessible leadership. He sold the bank's corporate jet, closed the executive dining room, and eliminated the use of the bank's executive limousines. He frequently rode the subway or flew in economy class, using such opportunities to interact with his bank's customers. A hallmark of his leadership was his insistence that all top Royal Bank executives spend twenty-five per cent of their time with front-line staff and clients.

"Cleghorn has chaired many organizations, including the National Gallery of Canada Foundation and the Montreal YMCA. A long-standing member of McGill's Board of Governors, Cleghorn led the university's last capital campaign, the Twenty-First Century Fund. The campaign set a national record at the time, obtaining \$205 million in support. From 1996 to 2003, Cleghorn was chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University, where he and his wife Pattie donated \$1 million for student and teaching initiatives. At McGill, the Cleghorns helped create the McGill Sports Centre's Cleghorn Hyperbaric Oxygen Laboratory and the Pattie Cleghorn Fund in Diabetes Research at the Polypeptide Hormone Laboratory. John Cleghorn is currently chairman of the board of SNC-Lavalin Group and director for Canadian Pacific Railway, Finning International,

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Molson and Nortel Networks. Cleghorn was named an officer of the Order of Canada in 2001."

## 1970

**Norman Tobias** writes: "It gives me great pleasure to announce the resumption of my tax counsel practice with an emphasis on the taxation of private wealth, succession planning and tax dispute resolution."

## 1973

**Mark Benson** writes: "I live in Muskoka, Ontario with my wife, Susan, and two boys, Samuel and Ezra, who attend Rousseau Lake College. I try to peddle real estate for Royal LePage, but so far have been unable to sell cottages to any Selwyn House Old Boys."

**George Tombs** held book launches in November in Montreal and Toronto for his new book, *Lord Black*, an unauthorized biography of Conrad Black. In researching the book, George not only interviewed Black himself, but also such prominent figures as Henry Kissinger, Kenneth Thomson, Brian Mulroney and Lord Carrington.

"There are two Selwyn House connections in the book," George writes. "I interviewed Jeremy Riley (Conrad's double first cousin), who taught me English at SHS in 1970; and I quote from interviews Ted Claxton and I did with the late Lester Pearson and John Turner (minister of justice during the October Crisis) for the *SHS Examiner*, the school newspaper I ran at the time. Obviously going to Selwyn House gave me a unique perspective on the business world. You will appreciate that ethics—both Conrad's and my own as an author—are a key part of the story."

George has a PhD in the history and philosophy of science, and is also pursuing a mid-career MSc in evidence-based health care. He produces radio documentaries for CBC and Radio-Canada. His three-

hour series on travelling in the Sahara was aired by CBC Radio's *Ideas* in November.

## 1975

**Gordon Roper** wrote requesting help to get the word out to fellow Londoners about an upcoming rugby match between Canada and England at Twickenham on November 13, 2004. He and former staff member Brian Porter were trying to get a few Old Boys out for this event. E-mail addresses were forwarded, but the event didn't quite get off the ground (tickets were £50 pounds sterling each, quite a price.) And, in the end, Canada lost. (Note from Director of Alumni to Old Boys, Parents and Staff: Make future spontaneous events easy and register your e-mail address on the Alumni and Friends E-mail Directory at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) under the Alumni heading. Be sure to add in your "chapter," otherwise known as your geographical location. And, thanks, Gordon, for trying to get this off the ground!)

Congratulations to **Chris Shannon**, who has been named Headmaster at Lower Canada College.

## 1977

**Filip Papich** threw out the first pitch at the Blue Jays/Red Sox baseball game on May 24. Fil writes: "BMO-NB Investment Banking (IBG) had a charity event where we raised \$1.6M for charity. I am the chairman of the IBG Diversity Council and the Blue Jays asked us to nominate someone to throw out the first pitch. I was the lucky one!"

## 1978

**Tiff Macklem** has been named as a Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, effective December 29.

Tiff joined the central bank in 1984. He has served in several senior positions, including Assistant Chief



of the Research Department, Research Adviser, and Chief of the Research Department. Prior to his new appointment, he was an advisor to the Governor of the Bank, David Dodge, and is widely seen as being groomed to take over the Governor's position in the future. "His responsibilities at the central bank will include monitoring international economic and financial policy decisions, particularly those made at Washington and Beijing, and their relationship to Canadian monetary policy," reads an article in the December 18 *National Post*. "It is a job that could carry additional pressure given China's emergence as an economic superpower."

Tiff earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Queen's University and a master's degree and PhD in economics from the University of Western Ontario.

**James Nadler** writes: "My animated short, 'Fishboy and Lemon' aired on June 1, 2005 on CBC as part of *Maple Shorts*. The film was also posted at [www.cbc.ca/mapleshorts](http://www.cbc.ca/mapleshorts)."

## 1979

**Arnold Lazare** writes: "She:kon ('Greetings' in Mohawk). I would like to thank you for the special invitation to the 2004 Old Boys' Reunion. I have already put the date in my agenda book and am looking forward to playing in the SHS Alumni Golf Tournament. I am the Fire Chief of the Kahnawake Fire Brigade. I have three sons attending Grades 1, 3 and 7. I usually see the SHS wrestlers at the annual meet at the Survival School and occasionally see Jack Ogilvy '79."

**Alan Rossy** writes: "Roula and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our

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son Christopher James Alan Rossy on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 8:55 p.m., weighing in at a whopping 8 lbs. 9 oz.! Mom and Baby are doing well. Sister Michelle and brother William are excited with the new addition to the family."

## 1980

**Jonathan Herman** writes: "My wife, Sandra and I are the proud parents of Megan Dahlia Herman, sister to Riley. Megan was born in Ottawa on March 24, 2005, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz."

A past Vice President of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association, Jonathan was appointed last year as chief of staff to Canadian Minister of Justice Irwin Cotler. Prior to this appointment, he was General Counsel and Director of Legal Affairs for the Liberal Party of Canada.

**Vlad Zeman** writes: "I cannot make it to Founder's Day, although I have not yet seen the new Speirs Building and would love to do so at the first opportunity. I am now working for BP in Chicago and commuting home to Connecticut on the weekends."

## 1982

*The Envelope Plays*, written and directed by **Gavin Drummond**, was presented by Tightrope Theatre May 25 to June 5, 2005. The play was described as "bitingly absurd," and "profane and absorbing...a deep probe into the male psyche for those who like to think when they laugh and those not afraid of the dark."

**Tony Munro** Co-operative Education Coordinator at the University of Waterloo, writes: "It seems that there's a little group of SHS alums here at Waterloo, and somehow they know I'm one, too. Every now and then someone drops by the office saying 'Did you go to Selwyn House?'. It's funny to think that was almost twenty-five years ago now!"

**Andrew Webster** writes: "After writing my CA and U.S. Certified Public Accounting exams, I lectured in consolidation accounting at McGill University. Since August 1995, I have been living and working overseas, first in Geneva, Switzerland working with the International Air Transport Association, where I started my worldwide travels. Between March 1997 and March 2004 I was with UNICEF in New York, where I travelled four to five months every year to many countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and from Vietnam to Argentina.

"In March 2004 I transferred to another UN agency, UNFPA, which focuses on women's health and population issues. I continue to travel three to four months a year as an auditor, reviewing operational and programme issues. My knowledge of French and Spanish has served me well in my travels. I have visited roughly sixty countries, but this is nothing compared to colleagues who have visited over one hundred! I am in touch with a number of Selwyn classmates and I welcome visits with Selwyn House people who are passing through New York."

## 1983

**Geoffrey Moore** writes: "We had a baby girl named Angelika on May 11. She is our fourth child, with older brothers Cedrik (7) and Erikson (3), and sister, Keili (6), leading the way! My wife, Krista, is a fantastic 'ema' (Estonian for mom), and is juggling everyone's schedules very well."

## 1985

**Patrick Jabal** and his wife, Kim, had a son, named Alec Warren, born on April 19, 2005, in Palo Alto, CA.

**Christopher Naudie** and Diane Hatch are delighted to announce the arrival

of their son, Harrison deLotbinière Hatch Naudie, born in Toronto on January 13, 2005, brother for Charlotte. Delighted grandparents are Mimi Naudie of Westmount and Clifford and Sylvie Hatch of Toronto.

**Rob Wexler** writes: "I have been practising law for the last eleven years, representing police officers charged with criminal or administrative misconduct and conducting collective bargaining for police unions. My law firm is the largest in California that specializes in the unique issues that affect public safety employees.

"On a personal note, my wife, Jennifer, and I recently had our first child, Alexandra, who was born on July 21, 2004. I would welcome hearing from other alumni in LA."

## 1987

In the fall of 2004, **Sywa Sung** wrote: "This past spring I was working at a company called Angel City Designs in Los Angeles. Their specialty is event marketing with a focus on movie premier parties for the major studios. I created lots of conceptual designs for CBS, UPN, FOX Broadcasting, The Fulfillment Fund, and the world premier parties for the films *Spider-Man 2* and *The Chronicles of Riddick*. I did a ton of designs for alcohol producer Diageo, relating to their brands Smirnoff, Jose Cuervo, Tradicional, Parrot Bay, and Bailey's for marketing events around the U.S. and as far as the Virgin Islands. *The Chronicles of Riddick* premier was particularly interesting because Universal Studios made available all the props and costumes from the film, and I got to go to the warehouses to help pick them out and handle them during installation. The props were immense."

"Despite how busy I was in the world of branding and events, I decided to leave that profession for a generous offer I received from the office of Phil Hettema and Associates



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in Pasadena, CA. Working directly with Phil, I am now employed as a designer, which touches upon the full range of my expertise in art direction, design, illustration, and graphics. We are working on various types of projects ranging from museum exhibits, theme parks, large-scale development design and master plans in Asia, Russia, the Middle East and the U.S., to being the exhibit designers for the National D-Day Museum expansion in New Orleans. Phil is wonderful to work for, and I am very happy and thankful to be a part of his team. The company Web site is at [www.hettemadesign.com](http://www.hettemadesign.com)."

## 1988

### Alexander Okapuu-von Veh and



Caroline Hébert have been happily experiencing life as new parents since their son, Félix, was born on July 20, 2004.

Caroline is currently finishing her PhD in pharmacoepidemiology at McGill University. Alexander is working as project manager for the North American subsidiary of Dilax Intelcom GmbH, a German company based in Berlin. Caroline and Alexander live in Saint Lambert.

## 1989

**Alasdair Martin** and former Selwyn House staffer Jennifer Lee Thomas had a beautiful baby boy on Saturday, October 18 at 5:00 a.m., weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz. His name is Euan Alexander Martin, and mommy, daddy and baby are doing well. Proud grandparents are former Selwyn House teacher Jack Martin and wife, Peggy (Photo above).

**Stuart Webster**, wife, Claire, and children Julia and Matthew announce with great pride and joy the birth of



Jennifer Lee Thomas and Alasdair Martin with Euan

Siena Mary, 6 lbs., 9 oz., born on Saturday, October 23, 2004. She is welcomed by her grandparents Judith and **Philip Webster** '61 and Vieno and Sam Roseberg.

**Greg Speirs** writes: "I hope things are well. just wanted to let you know that my wife, Christine Jabal (sister to **Eric** '87 and **Patrick Jabal** '85) and I had a baby girl here in New York City on April 5, 2005. Her name is Siena Delphine Speirs."

## 1990

Selwyn House guidance counsellor Barry Williams had a brief but lovely meeting in February with **Ray Lawson** as they passed one another on their way home from their respective schools. Ray is teaching English to Grade 9 and 10 students at Centennial Academy. When Barry ran into him, Ray's wife was due to give birth in approximately one month. "I am feeling very old!" Barry admits.

**David Price** '90 recently joined his father, Michael Price, in his publishing business, Price-Patterson Ltd. To date, Price-Patterson has focused on publishing short-run books, especially local history. Past titles include: *Skiing Legends*; *The Laurentian Lodge Club: A View of their Own: The Story of Westmount* and *Zegota: The Rescue of Jews in Wartime Poland*. This year the firm has published, or will be

publishing: *Quebec: Bonjour, Imprints III: Four Seasons in the Eastern Townships*; *Eastern Townships Saint Lily Esther Butters, Out of Bounds: The Glen Mountain Ski Story* and *Sir William Hingston: Montreal mayor, surgeon and banker*. He can be reached at [davidprice@pricepatterson.com](mailto:davidprice@pricepatterson.com).

## 1991

**Tim Daly**, his wife, Shawna Silver, and their two-year-old son, Harrison, have embarked on a new adventure. Tim recently left his job as a geophysicist with the federal government in Ottawa to work with the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna. This is an international organization that, when the treaty enters into force, will monitor for nuclear test explosions. Tim writes: "We expect to be in Vienna for the next seven years, so any Old Boys in the area are encouraged to get in touch with me. My contact details are online."

**Jonathan Skoda** wrote that he has been accepted to study at the School of General Studies of Columbia University in New York City for the fall semester of 2004. General Studies is a liberal arts college designed for nontraditional students returning to their studies after some time off.

"I hope to major in East Asian Languages and Culture," Jonathan wrote. "I have updated my profile and e-mail in the alumni directory, and would welcome any contact or news from other Selwyn House graduates now living in New York."

## 1992

**Robert Maranda** married Stephanie Minorgan of Montreal West on October 11, 2003 at Westmount United Church. Robert and Stephanie moved back to Montreal in July, 2004, where Robert has embarked on a three-year cardiology residency at the Royal Victoria Hospital, after four years in internal medicine in Toronto.

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The wedding of Patrick McEntyre '92, from left to right: Ben Wakrat, Andrew Horn, Will Goldman, Patrick McEntyre, Oliver Sasse, Jonathan Aune, Andrew Schiffrrin, Jason Oberlander, all from the Class of '92

Stephanie is also a physician, now practising at the Family Medicine Clinic of the Jewish General Hospital.

**Patrick McEntyre** married Daniela Flores (The Study) in Zihuatanejo, Mexico last year. The photo above was taken at the wedding. "Interestingly," says Patrick, "we didn't even mean to make this an all-Selwyn shot. It just happened that way." (Photo above)

**Peter Seguin** married Lynne Taylor (MacDonald Cartier '91) in Buffalo,

N.Y. on August 7, 2004. **Robert Maranda** '92 and **James Seguin** '96 were in attendance.

## 1993

**Diogo Bustani** married Alice Chen in Greece last summer. In attendance was his brother, **Lourenco** '97, who has submitted the following account of the experience:

"On June 26, 2004, Diogo Bustani '93 and Alice Chen held a memorable wedding ceremony on the Greek island of Santorini.



Seguin '92



Bustani '93

"This very intimate gathering brought together close family and friends, including sister and ECS Old Girl Camilla Bustani '89, and Old Boys **Dugald Malcolm** '93 and **Phil Waters** '93.

"The occasion gave everyone an opportunity to celebrate and vacation all at once. The trek to Santorini was not easy for many of those attending—guests traveled from Taiwan, Nicaragua, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Canada, the U.S., Sweden, Switzerland, and Italy. Long layovers, missed flights and lost luggage didn't seem to matter once everyone arrived at the island.

"The perfect weather and busy nightlife agenda that Diogo and Alice set out for everyone ensured we would all be tanned and relaxed throughout our stay. The wedding ceremony, minimalistic in nature, was officiated by the two fathers.

"The post-ceremony buffet was divine—so much food that most of us were ready to retire for the evening afterwards. However, Diogo and Alice, the most energized of the party, made sure that wouldn't happen. After a night of clubbing and celebration, we returned to our hotels to watch a sunrise none of us will ever forget.

"Diogo and Alice continue to live in New York City, now with their puppy, Hugo."



Lê '93

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**Anson Lê** married Geneviève Précourt on July 10, 2004 at the Sofitel Hotel in Montréal. Other Selwyn House alumni who took part in the wedding party were **Thomas Pitfield** '93 (best man), **Annam Lê** '96, and **Matthew Adler** '92. Anson and Geneviève have been living in Toronto since 2001, when he graduated from McGill University with a bachelor of commerce degree. He currently works for Lafarge Construction Materials in marketing.

**Liam Maloney** is one of six photographers whose work was featured in a new exhibit organized by BloWup Photogallerie here in Montréal. The photos were on exhibit on McGill College Avenue and on the Lachine Canal next to the Atwater Market. Liam's contribution to the exhibit was made up of photos from his Bolivia assignment. The exhibitors have a Web site at [www.reporters.qc.ca](http://www.reporters.qc.ca) that shows the photos for those not able to get to the exhibit.

"I had goosebumps looking through the photos on-line, which are very, very powerful," says Liam's father, Antoine. "They're in very large format on the site with full captions, so have even more impact in person."

## 1994

**Tyler N. Cavell** is back in Montréal pursuing a multidisciplinary PhD in philosophy, political science and communications at McGill, after having worked as an associate strategic consultant in London, England, primarily advising media companies. He was advising on the sale of *The Daily Telegraph* (Conrad Black's newspaper) as a strategic consultant and afterward was recruited as Business Development Manager for Northern and Shell, Britain's leading independent media company. They publish *The Daily Express* (circulation: 950,000), *Sunday Express*, *Daily Star* (circulation: 850,000); *Sunday Star OK! Celebrity Magazine* (circulation:

570,000) and have thirteen television channels.

## 1995

After three years of graduate school at the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning, **Hugo Blomfield** successfully defended his master's thesis in October 2004. Entitled "Frontier Society: Perpetuation and Misrepresentation of Humankind in Outer Space Policy," Hugo's thesis included research that saw him attend the International Space University in Strasbourg, France in the summer of 2003 as a student, and Adelaide Australia in the winter of 2004 as a staff member. After receiving his master of science in planning, Hugo came back down to Earth and began working at the City of Vancouver's Central Area Planning Division, where he is currently working on a variety of projects that contribute to Vancouver's acclaimed liveable downtown. He is also involved in a study that is looking at the need for a viable entertainment district on Vancouver's False Creek waterfront and how that space may be used for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

**William Cobbett** writes: "I got married last year to Miss Karen Ho. We met in London, England in 2000 while I was doing a diploma in business studies at the London School of Economics and she was doing a



masters in visual arts management at City University. We are now living in Montréal. I thought the attached picture of SHS Alumni taken at our wedding might find its way into *Veritas*. The photo was taken in Wichita Falls, Texas on September 18, 2004."

**Ed Kubow** writes from L.A.: "Dear Ms. Cozens, I just wanted to thank you again for showing me around the new school. It looks great. The whole community should be very proud of their efforts and the ultimate accomplishment."

**Taylor Lloyd** writes: "On April 18, 2005 I ran the Boston Marathon (my first) in support of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, as a part of a team that plans to raise over \$3 million. I trained for over six months, logging, on average, forty to fifty miles a week.

"Thanks to the overwhelming and generous support of so many, I've raised just over \$3,500 U.S. to date, with the goal of reaching \$5,000.

"Thank you so much for helping me support a cause that is extremely important to me and touched too many of us.

"The race was absolutely spectacular, with incredible fan participation and support along the entire length of the course and innumerable high-fives. It culminated in the last three miles as the runners turned a corner onto Commonwealth Avenue and the volume of the cheers would have drowned out a jet engine. I finished with a respectable 3:40 time. I am very pleased with my first marathon result, given that my critical training period was during a three-week business trip in mainland China.

"There were an amazing number of mothers, fathers and children—many of them cancer patients—singling out the Dana-Farber team to thank us along the way. This was incredibly motivating."

# Mummi UPDATES

## 1996

**Noah Bloom** attended Selwyn House Prizegiving Ceremonies on June 22 on behalf of the Quebec Harvard Association. He was there to inaugurate a new prize, The Harvard Book Award, which is given to a student in Grade 10 "who combines excellence in scholarship and high character with achievement in other fields." Noah is now International Marketing Manager for Blueslice Networks in Montreal.

**Gandhar Chakravarty** has been busy recording an album with Far From Shore records and working as an agent for Dragonfly Studios. He has also been working part-time on a master's in theology at Concordia, and has been helping Kathi Biggs to coach the SHS Public Speaking team this past year. He will be very much involved in public speaking this fall when Selwyn House hosts the International Public Speaking Tournament in October.

**Graham Colby** writes: "I appreciate the Selwyn House Old Boys' updates. I am currently living in Cape Town, South Africa. I am about to finish a six-month international internship with a South African production company, Razor Sharp Films, and then plan to travel for another six months. "I wish you the best of luck with all your Old Boy events, and hope everyone at Selwyn House is doing well."

## 1997

Priva Sport has named **Jeffrey Gantz** as the company's North American sales and marketing coordinator. Priva Sports is the North American distributor for Lotto and also handles the Joff International brand and private label contracts. As one of his first duties with the company, Jeffrey helped the company promote the launch of the new Lotto jersey design for the Montreal Impact. Lotto/Priva Sport is the club's official apparel and

equipment sponsor.

**Rob Vroom** writes to tell us that, in February, Kidnapper Films staged what he describes as "the funniest comedy show you'll ever see. We spent eight months of our lives making our Variety Show 2 the best thing since sliced bread."

"Thanks for all the support," he says.

**Jordan Goldwarg** writes: "I've just returned from a two-week trip to the U.K., where I spent a day in Cambridge and visited Selwyn's namesake college (see the attached picture). After hearing about Selwyn College for all those years at Selwyn House, it was so cool to see it finally! I'll be returning to Britain in the fall to start grad school at Oxford, where I've been accepted to a master's programme in nature, society and environmental policy. It starts in October, and I'm very excited about it.

"Hope all is well at Selwyn. I would love to meet up with any Old Boys who are studying at or traveling through Oxford; they can reach me at [jgoldwarg@gmail.com](mailto:jgoldwarg@gmail.com). Before I head over there this fall, I'll be spending part of the summer in Peru, doing volunteer work for a gay-rights group in Lima."



**Ian Ratzer** wrote last fall: "Unfortunately, I won't be around for the Old Boys' Reunion. I did get the last issue of *Veritas* and was happy to see some of the news from the other members of my cohort (class of '98). I graduated from McGill in April 2004 with a bachelor of science degree, majoring in computer science. Currently, I am working towards a second degree at McGill in music technology."

**James Steven** is now a senior, majoring in philosophy, at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Gab Taraboulisy** wrote last fall: "I am thrilled to provide you with these photos of Selwyn Old Boys celebrating important events. The first photo is of my twenty-third birthday party. In the first photo (left to right) are: **Tim Lymberiou** '98, **Alex Price** '98, **Anuraag Saksena** '98, me, **Joost van Dam** (who left SHS in '96) and **Stéphane Azoulay** '98.



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The second photo was taken at the wedding of **Brian Vroom** '93, who married Celine Dujeux on September 4, 2004. In the photo are (from left): **Dan Freiheit** '93, **Brian Vroom**, Chris Begley (not an Old Boy), **Rob Vroom** '97, **Gabriel Tarabously** '98, **Alex Price** '98 and Christophe Davidson (not an Old Boy).

## 1999

**Oneal Banerjee** writes: "I recently joined the Toronto office of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, as an associate in the Insurance and Tort Liability practice group, with a focus on municipal, government, and police liability. I very recently left the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, where I spent a little over two years, both as an articling student at the Crown Law Office, Civil (the Ontario government's head litigation office) working on malicious prosecution, abuse of public office, institutional abuse, wrongful death, and regulatory negligence files and as Crown Counsel on a large commercial litigation matter between the government and a corporate litigant. I was also recently elected to the board of directors of Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights, a non-profit and non-governmental organization established to promote human rights globally through legal education, advocacy and law reform. I have been involved with the organization since my first semester of law school. For more information on CLAIHR, please visit [www.claihr.org](http://www.claihr.org)."

**Russell Fraser** writes: "I spent last summer in Guelph, working for the Ontario Veterinary College, helping to build a continuing education Web site for veterinary pathologists. Hope all is well at Selwyn House."

**Shu Kato** visited the school on March 8, 2005 with Nadine Tsoukas, mother of Shu's former classmate Jason Tsoukas. Shu left Selwyn House in



**Recent visitors to Selwyn House include two classmates from 1999: Russ Fraser and Sam Walker. While here, the two donned hard hats and took a full tour of the new Speirs Building and renovations to the Lucas Building at the school.**

1992 to return to Japan and has not seen the school since. He has kept in touch with the Tsoukas family, and they have visited him on occasion in Japan. Although Shu did not recognize any of his former classrooms (so much has changed with the renovations), he does have fond memories of Ms. Vian and Mr. Cude. Shu begins working at Mitsubishi upon his return to Tokyo.

**Matt Osten** informs us that he has completed his degree in Radio and TV at Ryerson University in Toronto, and will be attending law school at McGill this fall. This summer he'll be travelling to Shanghai to work on a documentary.

**Peter Szilagyi** has just received his diploma in Civil Engineering from McGill University. He received the Allan Cook Prize in Civil Engineering, given for the highest academic standing among transportation engineering students. He also received the J.C. Osler Award for Leadership in Civil Engineering.

His undergraduate research paper entitled "The Influence of Transit Supply on Transit Ridership," was selected by the Department of Civil

Engineering of McGill University for entry into the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering Transportation Engineering Competition.

Peter captained the McGill Concrete Toboggan team this year. The competition, involving four hundred engineering students from thirty universities across Canada, was hosted in Calgary. The five-person McGill toboggan reached the second-highest speed in the competition's thirty-one-year history, reaching a whopping speed of 73 km/h.

As of August, Peter will be starting a full-time position as a professional engineer in training at the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario in Toronto.

## 2000

**Matthew Munzar** received his honours bachelor of arts in applied economics from Queen's, graduating on the Dean's List. This fall he'll be moving to Toronto to pursue his master of financial economics at U of T. Matthew adds: "I really enjoyed the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament in May. Everything about it was wonderful and I had an amazing time. I was made to feel very welcome in the Old Boys' community and even made some contacts for my future career."

## 2001

**Hayden Bernstein** writes: "I participated in a McGill University-sponsored exchange at the University of Sydney in Australia, where I am a joint-honours major in political science and religious studies. Sydney is a magnificent harbour city with spectacular views. The people here were wonderful and very helpful and friendly. I enjoyed playing the tourist-like student while here, as planned trips included SCUBA diving on the Great Barrier Reef and backpacking through New Zealand and Fiji. Cheers and g'day, Mates!"

**Chris Bryson** wrote last summer: "Four other Selwyn House boys (Maks

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**Knecht** 2002, **Matt Riggs** 2000, **Maurice Knecht** 2003, and **Alex Kaluza** 2004) and I played in a band called "Break the Cycle," and we won a city-wide battle of the bands. We've also done well in some on-line contests. Our bio and all other relevant info can be found on our Web site at [www.breakthecycleband.com](http://www.breakthecycleband.com)"

**Andrew Sniderman** writes: "I finally published an article about the project I am helping to lead. It can be found on the Internet under Genocide Intervention Fund. Look under 'News and Press' and 'Coverage of GIE.' The article is called 'A Case for Private Intervention.'"

Andrew extends an invitation to all Selwyn House students, parents and alumni to contact him by e-mail at [sniderman@genocideinterventionfund.org](mailto:sniderman@genocideinterventionfund.org) to find out more about this important project. (See feature story on page 8 of this issue of *Veritas*.)

## 2002

Friends and fans of **Torrey Mitchell** may be finding it hard to keep up with all the news about his amazing season as a rookie on the hockey team at the University of Vermont. The November 29 *Gazette* carried an article on Torrey's dramatic first hat trick in college play. Torrey scored the winning goal with only one second left in regulation time to beat New Hampshire 5-4.

This news came on the heels of a two-page spread on Torrey's career that ran in the November 23 *Gazette*. At the time of the article, Torrey was already leading all ECAC freshmen in scoring, with two goals and seven assists.

Torrey was honored by the ECAC Hockey League on November 1st for his part in Vermont's "huge" weekend

in Duluth, Minnesota on Oct. 29 and 30, says a UV newsletter. The news also appeared in the *Gazette* on November 2.

Torrey "was named ECAC Rookie of the Week for the second time this season after recording the lead assist on teammate Scott Mifsud's goal in Vermont's 3-2 win over number-one ranked Minnesota-Duluth," says the UV newsletter. "Mitchell also won twenty-one of twenty-four face-offs that same night, helping to key the win. On Saturday, in the 2-2 overtime tie with the Bulldogs, Mitchell started a beautiful scoring play that ended with Jeff Corey tying the score in the third period."

Torrey was also named Vermont Student Athlete of the Week for November 8 through November 14, the UV newsletter reports in another story, "for scoring the game-winning goal 77 seconds into overtime in a 4-3 win over nationally ranked St. Lawrence on November 12 to help the Catamounts stay undefeated in ECAC Hockey League play. He then added an assist on Vermont's goal in a 1-1 overtime tie at Clarkson. The Catamounts are 3-0-1 in its first four games of the ECACHL season, the best start by a Vermont team since the 2000-01 team went 5-0 to start the league season. Vermont is unbeaten in six games (4-0-2), the best string since 1996-97."

Fans can keep track of the all Catamount home games on the UVM Athletic Web site via Gametracker. The ECAC Hockey League has teamed up with College Sports Online (CSO) to present in-game stats of all ECACHL contests. Just go to the men's hockey page at [www.uvmathletics.com](http://www.uvmathletics.com) and click on the Gametracker link in the right-hand column.

In the March 12, 2005 issue of *TV Guide* magazine, MuchMusic VJ and SHS Old Boy **Devon Soltendieck** was listed as one of ten "Canadian



Superstars of the Future." The magazine launched its own crusade to find "budding Canuck stars on the verge of breaking out." One of the

requirements was that he possess the "undefinable 'it' factor."

The article describes Devon as "arguably MuchMusic's most talented VJ," saying he "knows his music, sometimes more than his guests do." The magazine goes on to predict that Devon may follow the example of other VJs and move into hard news broadcasting, or even politics. "Young voter turnout and music in public schools are two of his most passionate causes," the article states.

As a result of his growing celebrity, Devon has joined a select group of Selwyn House Old Boys who have multiple fan sites on the Internet.

## 2003

**Adam Cieply** visited Headmaster William Mitchell recently, saying that he has been accepted to Law School at McGill and thanks all the faculty for their support over the years.

On April 26-30, 2005, **Scott McMurray** participated in the second stage of the Canadian Computer Competition at the University of Waterloo.

Stage One was a three-hour algorithm writing competition held in March where one had to write five programmes. About 1,500 people competed (junior and senior levels). The top twenty students were invited to the second round.

In Stage Two, after a number of lectures and activities, the competitors wrote two three-hour sections, each of which was three programmes. This stage included approximately twenty-one invitees from across Canada.

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Scott was a silver medalist finishing in the top ten, narrowly missing a chance to go to the International Olympiad of Informatics in Poland. He received a plaque and a monetary prize.

Scott graduates from Marianopolis, where he studied pure and applied science and will study electrical engineering at either McGill or Waterloo this fall.

## 2004

**Bryce Durafourt** writes that he has temporarily shelved his plans to form a new political party and run for mayor of Montreal, as had been

originally announced in the *Gazette* on March 17, 2004. Bryce and three other Selwyn House Old Boys from the class of 2004, **Alexis Youssef, Max Graham** and **Shawn Errunza**, had been contemplating the idea privately for a year, and announced their intentions to run on a platform attacking the decline of municipal services since the "one-island-one-city" merger of 2002.

"We have decided to hold off on creating a municipal political party until the next elections, four years from now," Bryce writes. "The reason for this decision is that the law states that a political party must present candidates for the position of

councilor in at least one-third of the districts of a city in order to hold its authorization. For Montreal, this number comes out to twenty councilor-candidates that we would need to present, and with the demergers, all my friends in Westmount and the West Island would not be eligible. So we decided that it would not be worth collecting the 200 required signatures if we weren't going to be able to find enough people to run for councilor. However, I will be running as an independent candidate for councilor in St. Laurent. To do this I need only twenty-five signatures, and then I'm set!"

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**Salem Bakhashwain** 2002 has reportedly died in a motorcycle accident in Tibet. Salem attended SHS from 1994-1998. Salem's younger brother Abdul-Mohsen 2004 was also here during that time. The family lives in Dubai.

**Paul Albert Dolisie** '50, of Montreal and Johnson, Vermont, died peacefully on August 23, 2004.

**Janet Drury (Dobell)**, wife of the late Chipman Drury '32 and sister of Albert Dobell '35, died on May 1, 2005 at her home in Mansonville, Quebec.

**Dr. (Mathew) Henry Gault** '40 died May 23, 2003 at age 78. He was the grandson of Mathew Hamilton Gault, founder of the Sun Life Assurance Company, and godson of Brigadier Andrew Hamilton Gault, founder of the PPCLI Regiment in Ottawa, and brother of Leslie Gault '43.

He won the Jeffrey Russel Prize upon graduation from Selwyn House School in 1940 and subsequently finished first in the graduating class at Lower Canada College in June, 1941. He entered McGill University in September, 1941, but soon thereafter enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on his seventeenth birthday, March 16, 1942. After completing his training as a navigator at Lac Beauport, Quebec, he served on thirty-two bombing flights over France and Germany with the Snowy Owl Squadron in England.

He returned to McGill University in 1946 where he earned a B.Sc. in honours psychology at McGill University followed by a MD and a M.Sc. in experimental medicine. In 1960 he undertook training in nephrology and clinical chemistry at the Royal Victoria Hospital and then served in

numerous academic, consultant director and research positions in Montreal hospitals and at McGill University.

In 1974 he joined Memorial University Hospital as Professor of Medicine (nephrology) and Director for the Division of Nephrology and the Renal Laboratory at the General Hospital. Dr. Gault retired in 1993 and was named Professor Emeritus. Other honours include the Medical Award of the Kidney Foundation of Canada (1989), Officer of the Order of Canada (1991), Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada (1992) and the Laureate Award of the American College of Physicians (1993). He is remembered by his colleagues and patients as a sensitive doctor who worked extremely hard and had a strong commitment to patient care.

Dr. Gault leaves his wife Phyllis, son Andrew Frederick, one granddaughter Lillian Heather Gault, brother Leslie (Carol) of Calgary, sister Patricia Pilecki of London, also nieces, nephews and a large circle of friends.

**Renée Hunnicutt (Carboneau)**, mother of Guy '70 and Paul Mayer '74, and grandmother of Alexandre 2007 and Patrick Mayer 2010, died on April 19, 2005.

**James Frederick McCourt** '30 died peacefully at Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital on November 18, 2004. Beloved husband of Carolyn Pickel. Also survived by his three children: Linda, Willa and Michael and his sister Norah. Cremation was followed by a private graveside service on Friday, November 26 at 11:30 a.m. Interment was in the National Field of Honour in Pointe Claire, Quebec.

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**Hugh McLennan** '42 died on December 24, 2004. Hugh was born in Montreal on October 22nd, 1927, the first child of William Drurie and Gyneth Maud (née Wanklyn) McLennan. His early education was at Selwyn House School and Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario. He graduated from McGill with a B.Sc. (Honours chemistry) in 1947, followed by a M.Sc. (biochemistry) in 1949 and a PhD (neurophysiology) in 1951.

At Selwyn House, Hugh received the Special Prize for History at prizegiving, as well as the Class V Scouting prize in 41. His entry about "The Battle of Jutland," describing the famous battle off the coast of Denmark on the night of May 31, 1916, appeared in the *Selwyn House Magazine* in 1941-42. At TCS, Hugh won the Perry Memorial Scholarship and recorded a grade average of well over 80 per cent.

Hugh married Hilda Jean Connell on June 2nd 1949. Their first child, Catriona, was born in June 1951 shortly before he assumed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University College, University of London. After his return to Canada, he worked at the Montreal Neurological Institute during which time a second child, Neil, was born in June 1954. Employment at Dalhousie University in Halifax was followed by a move to Vancouver and UBC in December 1957 where he remained until his retirement in 1992.

Hugh was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1971 and served on the Medical Research Council for a full ten-year term. Upon retirement, he was named Professor Emeritus of UBC in recognition of his contribution to scientific research and excellence in teaching.

Hugh was a "pioneer" and keen skier at Whistler Mountain during the '60s and '70s and a founding member of the Whistler Mountain Ski Club. He was also a founding member of the Clan McLennan Association and appointed Clan Chief's Lieutenant for Western Canada. He was an active member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #30 (Kerrisdale) and maintained a long association with Charles Crane Library for the Blind at UBC as a volunteer reader. He enjoyed feeding the garden birds, growing herbs, reading, bridge, golf and travelling especially to Australia, Scotland and an annual pilgrimage to PEI.

**William Noble** '39, father of Christopher '72, passed away on March 27, 2005.

**James Barry Porteous** '32 died on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 in Kingston in his 89th year, with his family at his side. Happily married to Adele Robertson since June 1948, he was the proud father and father-in-law of Clare and Perry, James and Kathleen, and Patricia and grandfather of

Charity and Christopher Safford, Andrew and Alexa Porteous and Baillie Card. Brother of Janet L. McDougall of Knowlton, Quebec.

Born in Toronto in 1917, Barry moved with his family to Montreal. Educated at Selwyn House School, he graduated from McGill University, B.Comm. in 1938 and joined the firm of Creak, Cushing and Hodgson, Chartered Accountants.

At the outbreak of war, he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery and completed his officers' training in Kingston in the spring of 1940. He joined the 1st Canadian Division Artillery in England in the summer of 1940. Trained in Combined Operations, he took part as a Forward Observation Officer for Naval Shore Fire in the Sicily and Italy landings during the summer of 1943 and remained with the 1st Canadian Division Artillery. He was posted to the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Tactical Headquarters in November 1943, and promoted to General Service Officer III in April 1944. Barry completed Camberley Staff course (UK) in the late fall of 1944 and returned to various active postings in northwestern Europe.

He came home in July 1945 after sixty-five months of continuous active service overseas, retaining the rank of Captain. He joined Greenshields, Hodgson, Racine Ltd., wholesale dry goods merchants in Old Montreal, where he was President and CEO from 1961-1971. Barry was also President of the Montreal Board of Trade from 1969-1970 and participated in several charitable ventures while maintaining a successful business career. He sold his interest in Greenshields, Hodgson, Racine Ltd. in 1971 and began business as an independent Consultant to Management. In the spring of 1982 the family moved to Kingston, Ontario where he joined the Fort Frontenac Officer's Mess, the Kingston Gunners, Canadian Railroad Historical Association, the Kingston Yacht Club and founded the Kingston and Area Condominium Association.

Barry became interested in family genealogy, organized the Porteous Associates International, designed the Porteous tartan, and was author of *The Porteous Story*, being named Laird Elect in 1985. He supervised construction of the Porteous Memorial in Cairn on Hawkshaw Castle site near Tweedsmuir on the Scottish borders, and was Master of Ceremonies there for international reunions in 1990 and 1995. He retired from business life in 1997 to enjoy his family and friends.

In keeping with Barry's wishes, a private service was held in Kingston, followed by cremation and interment at Cataraqui Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Salvation Army or to the charity of your choice in Mr. Porteous' memory.

**John Rossy**, father of James 2007, died in his sleep at home on April 27, 2005. The son of Michael and Celia, he is survived by his wife, Connie, sons Mark and Patrick,

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brother Michael and sister Judy. Funeral services were held on May 2 at St. George Orthodox Church in Montreal.

**Dale Ross Seifert** '56 died in Montreal on December 31, 2004. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Claire Lessard, his sister, Joy, and brother, Harry (Heather) '52, who attended Selwyn House from 1949 to 1952. A memorial service was held on January 7 at Collins Clarke MacGillivray funeral home in N.D.G.

**Christopher Michael Seymour** '48 passed away peacefully in Victoria, B.C. on July 14, 2004 at the age of 71 years. Chris was born on November 7, 1932 in Montreal. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Jane and Fiona; son, Andrew, as well as their families.

Chris attended Selwyn House from '44 to '48. His yearbook describes him as being "upright as the cedar." He participated in under-11 soccer, junior hockey, senior hockey, under-12 hockey and seconder in Scouts, Junior soccer and cricket, Senior cricket (see photo), third in swimming meet, and first in poetry competition. He was a Prefect and a member of the Debating Society from '46 to '48, played senior

soccer, was first in short story competition, second in essay competition, and a finalist in debating. At Academic Prizegiving at Selwyn House in November 1948 he received a Prefect's Medal. At Sports Prizegiving in June 1948 the relay race team of Chris, A. Fraser, Harry Seifert and P. Raymond won first place.

After Selwyn House, Chris graduated from Royal Roads University Military College and spent many years with the Royal Canadian Navy. He retired from the RCN in 1966 and went on to work at PIR, Montreal. A celebration of his life was held on July 23 at Glen Meadows Golf and Country Club.

**Carla Sontag**, mother of Tiga '90 and Tom '97, passed away August 23, 2004. Funeral services were at Paperman and Sons on August 26.

**Gordon Usher-Jones** '69 passed away on March 30, 2005. He died peacefully in his sleep in Tuscon, Arizona. He is survived by his children Jeffrey 2004, Adrienne and Fraser 2007, the children's mother Annemarie Eldridge, his brother Brian '60 (Toronto), sister Susan (Virginia), brother Christopher '72 (Ottawa), and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Centre Funeraire Côte des Neiges, on April 6, with funeral services at St. Matthias Church in Westmount. Donations can be made to Fondation Portage in Montreal.

Gordon was the son of Ernest '30 and Mady Usher-Jones and the uncle of Richard '86 (Brian) and James '98 (Chris). He attended Selwyn House School from 1958-1969 and was Acting Prefect in his senior year. He was on the Senior football team and received the Bob Anderson Trophy in 1968 for being named Most Outstanding Lineman. After graduation he was active in the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association.

**Dr. Benoit Vendeville**, father of Geoffrey 2004 and Nicolas 2008, died suddenly at home on February 5, 2005. In addition to his two sons, he is survived by his wife, Dana, parents Madeleine and Pierre, brothers and a sister. Family plans are for a ceremony to be held later in France.

**Lorne Charles Webster**, father of Campbell '78, Adam '88 and Howard '90, died at home in Westmount on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 in his seventy-seventh year. Besides his three sons, he is survived by his wife, Meredith Evans; daughters Linda (Ian Taggart), Brenda (Christopher Tweel), Beverley (Jean Marc LeBlanc) and Tegan, and grandsons Colin and Eric Tweel and Lorne Thomas LeBlanc. Funeral services were on December 20 at St. Andrews Dominion Douglas Church in Westmount.

## Correction

In the 2003-2004 issue of *Veritas* there is an error in the obituary for **Elliot Kaufman** '75. The article states that he is survived by his brother and sister-in-law. In fact, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Richard Shrier. Our apologies to the family for the error.



**Senior Cricket, 1947.** Back row: J. Domville, E. Pollard, E. Newcomb, Q. Raymond, B. Campbell, Chris Seymour, A. McKim and Mr. Phillips. Middle: H. Stewart, P. Northey, J. Creighton, T. Evans, B. Carnegie, D. Seymour and D. Hanson. Front: D. Raper, A. Fraser, A. Ross, G. Currie, P. Milner, J. Wright

# Art teacher Ellen Pinchuk retires after thirty-five years at Selwyn House

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

**W**hen Ellen Pinchuk came to Selwyn House thirty-five years ago, art was seen as a trivial activity, suitable only for primary school students. Today, the art programme is one of the most vibrant and visible parts of the school curriculum at all grade levels.

Born in Brookline, Massachusetts and educated at Boston University, Ellen Pinchuk was a precocious art instructor, running her own playground art courses at age eight and teaching courses as a young camp counselor. She met her future husband while accompanying her father to a dentists' convention in that city. Marvin Pinchuk was just establishing his dentistry practice in his hometown Montreal. "I met Marvin in May and I was here in September," Mrs. Pinchuk recalls.

In many ways Selwyn House was a different school when Mrs. Pinchuk started teaching here. "Women did not teach beyond Grade 4 in those days," she says. The female teachers were segregated from the male staff, with their own staff room.

"Art was seen as something only little boys did," she says. There were hardly any art classes taught in school, so the art teacher was also required to teach other subjects at the primary level.

Within a few years things had begun to change, however. By her third year here, Mrs. Pinchuk had inaugurated the Open House art show that continues today as the Selwyn House Fair. Thanks to Mrs. Pinchuk, student art now hangs in the hallways of the school throughout the year, giving all passersby a glimpse into the creative imaginations of SHS students.

Art is now offered as either a credit course or a non-credit option.

Over the years a number of Mrs. Pinchuk's students have gone on to careers that make use of the skills and concepts they learned in her classes—not only as artists but as architects, animators and designers.

At the same time that Selwyn House has been moving toward a more progressive art programme, art instruction elsewhere has been deteriorating, Mrs. Pinchuk feels, especially in public schools. "There are hardly any art teachers left in the city," she says. "It's a real travesty."

"Being in an all-boys' school made it easier for me," she believes. In co-ed schools, a boy's freedom to express himself artistically is often inhibited by the presence of the opposite sex, she feels.

Over the years, she has allowed her students to experiment with many different art projects, never knowing ahead of time which would yield the best work. Often those



**At Elementary Prizegiving on June 17, Elementary School Director Kathy Funamoto presented Ellen Pinchuk with a puzzle made up of individually designed pieces from students and staff members.**

she had the least hope for gave the best results. "Those were the most exciting times," she says.

"I think I lasted so long here because I had the best job in the school," she says with a laugh. "It was not possible to get bored."

At Prizegiving ceremonies, Headmaster Will Mitchell described Mrs. Pinchuk as "one of Selwyn House's most inspiring and respected teachers," who "always brought freshness and newly inspired creativity to her work."

"She has an extraordinary ability to engage and challenge the very youngest and most senior students," Mr. Mitchell said, with the result that "they often surprised themselves at the depth of their own creative potential."

Mr. Mitchell credited her for "helping generations of boys discover early a side of themselves which [otherwise might] have remained obscured."

Now that she is leaving Selwyn House, Ellen and Marvin intend to continue to pursue their love of world travel and visit with family.



**Ellen Pinchuk in 1973**

# Staff UPDATES

Elementary French teacher **Caroline Bolduc** and her husband, Philippe Casgrain, are proud parents of Simon, born on June 4, 2003, weighing 7.4 pounds. A brother for Aubert (3-1/2).



Selwyn House drama teacher **Alex Ivanovici** writes: "My eighteen-month-old daughter, Ella, my wife, Annabel, and I have found a spare moment to announce the much-anticipated arrival of Beatrice Voica Ivanovici. She was born on November 18, 2004 at 4:35 p.m. at the Royal Victoria Hospital. "At 9 lbs. 6 oz., there is a lot for us to love."



Former SHS staffer **Marg Lynn** writes: "We have been soaking up the rays in Canyonland, Nevada, New Mexico, etc. for the last month. Had a great time

but now busy trying to catch up on everything. "It looks like a busy weekend is about to happen at Selwyn House (Founder's Day). It sounds wonderful. I'll bet all the new changes are wonderful. Hope to get to see them one of these days. Take care and thanks for keeping us all so well informed."

SHS Senior English teacher **Lynn Mastellotto** wrote last fall from Italy, where she is on sabbatical: "Thanks for sending along the Old Boys' Reunion invitation. What a surprise to receive Selwyn House mail in casa mia. It's really great to be kept in the loop, thanks! Kudos to you and your team on producing such a great invite. The sepia photo really is special. I'm sure it'll be a wonderful reunion event. Enjoy."

**Brenda Papp**, former staff, wrote on September 7: "Hello from Hurricane Central. Just a quick update from Tampa. The storm arrived here yesterday around 2 p.m. It was pretty intense most of the day. The rain was wild and winds were really powerful. There was quite a bit of debris flying around the streets (big clay flowerpots, metal store signs etc.). It was very dark and noisy as the winds howled. We have been very fortunate, though, to have had power all weekend. Many parts of the city are without power at this time. We are safe and sound 'hunkered down' here at home."

SHS Elementary School teacher **Tim Peters** and his wife, Nathalie Dtouin, are happy to announce the arrival of Foster van Pierre Peters, born October 1, 2004, weighing 5 lbs., 3 oz.



Middle/Senior math teacher **Kelly Von Eschen** and her husband, Mark, are the proud parents of Clare Damen Von Eschen, born on April 6, 2005, weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces, a little sister for Jonas.



Selwyn House Kindergarten teacher **Valerie Samson** and her husband, Chip, are happy to announce the arrival of Elizabeth Kate King, born at 3:44 p.m. on July 19, 2004, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz. and measuring 19-1/4 inches. Below is a recent photo, with Elizabeth almost a year old.



**Brian Porter**, former staff, wrote: "I just returned from London, UK, having had an afternoon lunch with Nicholas Rose, Class of '75. Along with Chris Shannon, Chris Norris, Julian Heller, Eric Stevenson, Jon Flemming, and so many other great guys, he was in my first home room in 1971! Nic had had dinner with Luigi Deghenghi the evening before. On another note, I shall be working in the UK soon and would very much like to catch up with many others."

Selwyn House Kindergarten teacher **Norma Workman** and her husband, Eddy are the proud parents of Benjamin, born on March 10, 2004, weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz., brother to Isabelle, who is now almost three.

## SCRAPBOOK

# Memories of Selwyn House: 1946-1954

**T**he following are a few short excerpts from *Memories of Selwyn House School: 1946-1954*, a personal memoir by Bill Pedoe, in which the 1954 graduate recalls what life was like for an Selwyn House student in the old days at the Redpath Street school. Bill Pedoe recently retired from teaching English at Crescent School in Toronto. He shared his writings with his classmates at their 50th anniversary reunion. Our apologies for the disruption of the flow of Mr. Pedoe's full narrative due to the editing process.

Had we lived in Westmount, I might well have attended public school, but the appropriate public school, Victoria, stood in seedy surroundings beside a multi-level stable belonging to one of the Montreal dairies. The aroma was pungent and pervasive. My parents wouldn't allow their child to subject himself to such plague-ridden possibilities.

### C Form (Grade 2) 1946-47

I may have thought that I was too inconspicuous in my laziness to be caught drifting, but part way through the year I was put out in the dark hall to contemplate my sins. Later, I was marched upstairs to see Mr. Speirs. After a wait I was called in; I stood on the carpet in front of the desk. I was trying not to tremble and not to cry. Looking back I realize that Mr. Speirs hadn't a clue why I was there, but I remember the essence of the interview.

"What have you done?"

"I guess I haven't been working."

"What do you plan to do about it?"

"I'll work harder and harder and get better and better until I'm excellent."

I remember that last line because it made Mr. Speirs smile. The interview was over. Relief flooded over me. Weak at the knees, I had trouble getting back downstairs to class.

There was no art, music, science or gym. The all-purpose combination gymnasium/lunch-hall/assembly room/theatre was being built behind the school that year. There was a general choir and a highly selective one and an ambitious drama program.

Twice a week we climbed stone steps and followed a path through the woods to a pair of fields above Beaver Pond where we played soccer. We may have changed our shoes, but not our clothes; there were no locker rooms. Nobody coached us.

### B Form (Grade 3) 1947-48

Mr. Perkins was in charge of Wolf Cubs. When I was finally allowed to join I loved Cubs. The darkened gymnasium, the circle of crouching boys in uniform, the "campfire" made of tissue paper and a light bulb, the *Jungle Book* connection, the oath, the handshake, the salute, the shouts of, "Dib, dib, dib, dib, dob, dob, dob, A-ke-la,



**Bill Pedoe and Charlie Chaffey receive scholarships to UCC and TCS in their final year at SHS. At left is Headmaster Robert Speirs.**

we'll do our best!" It was heady stuff.

I'm surprised no one was hurt playing British Bulldog. It involved everyone lining up along one side of the gym. One boy was selected to stand in the middle of the floor. When Akela (Mr. Perkins) blew the whistle we all charged to the other side. The boy in the middle attempted to catch someone. That made two boys in the middle for the next charge. And so on. In the end, only one boy was left at the wall with a ravenous horde in the middle waiting to catch him. The game was not played gently and we loved it.

### Form 1 (Grade 5) 1949-50

Milk was an available "extra" for those of us whose parents paid the surcharge. Dozens of half-pint glass bottles of full cream milk were placed on trays on the radiator-tops in the entrance hall of the school. We drank our bottles quickly at the start of recess so that we could get out to play. How long the milk sat there on the radiators I don't know. To this day the smell of milk on the turn takes me back to the dark hallway, milling bodies and gurgling straws in a dim sepia light.

These were the days of canings. I bore no resentment against the masters who caned me. I still feel none. Mr. Speirs, in particular, was simply doing his duty. When a boy was sent to him, he was expected to cane him. Mr. Speirs was an inspirational teacher. When I came to have him for Scripture and then English, I looked forward to his classes. Thanks to him, I know the stories of the Old Testament better than most people. The love that he gave me for

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## Memories Of Selwyn House

literature and the written word is one of the two principal reasons why I eventually became an English teacher myself.

### Form II (Grade 6) 1950-51

For Form 2 we moved up to the heady environs of the third floor. The ceilings were lower and the windows smaller. We felt a real sense of seniority. After recess or lunch we stood in front of our lockers then walked in single file up the stairs. A prefect was stationed on each landing. If anyone pushed, poked, talked, stepped out of line or, God forbid, took two steps at once, the prefect sent him to the bottom and he had to climb the flight again. The stairs creaked and our feet banged hollowly on the wooden treads. One hundred boys climbing the stairs (and perhaps banging a little harder than strictly necessary) made quite a noise. I have to admit that without the ritual and the discipline imposed, chaos would have resulted.

### Form III (Grade 7) 1951-52

For third form we moved across the hall. The room was smaller and our numbers dropped to about sixteen.

When he arrived as a new teacher, Mr. Moodey seemed to bring a new tone to the school, and he stayed long enough to become a legend. That he had an English accent was no surprise. The independent schools liked the tone that the right accent provided. I'm in no position to judge his intellect, but he seemed to all of us to be a brilliant mathematician and scientist.

Selwyn House didn't have an automatic bell system. Mr. Moodey had a large pocket watch that he usually placed on the desk. When the time was right he went out into the hall and pressed a button high on the door frame to ring the school bells. It's a tribute to his highly organized mind that I don't remember his ever being more than a minute or two late.

Lunch was held in the gym. The smallest boys sat on the left at Mrs. Howis' table. The senior school worked its way up the right side of the room. The graduating class or prefects sat at a head table with Mr. Speirs. We had one glass of milk each and as much water as we wanted. My favourite meal was a sort of coarse meat (probably pork) in brown gravy.

In fourth form we became table monitors or some similar title. We sat at the foot of the table, collected new



Bill Pedoe speaking at the 2004 Old Boys' Reunion

bowls or platters, stacked and removed soiled dishes and at the most junior tables, helped the boys with their food. We changed tables each week, rotating around the room. Our job often took us into the pantry under the stairs in the old house. This room was equipped with a rope-operated dumb water that connected with the kitchen in the basement. Helping out in this inner sanctum was fun.

Part way through my time at the school the House System was introduced. Mr. Speirs expressed embarrassment that one of the Houses was named after him. Since there had been only four Headmasters, he said, the fourth House had to be Speirs House. I was in Lucas.

### Form IV (Grade 8) 1952-53

Form 4 was a good year for me. I discovered Shakespeare and learned that I was good at public speaking.

My desk was beside the low window on the north side of the room. I had room to put things on the deep windowsill, and I had a private view over the gravel courtyard to the Victorian mansion next door and its garden. There were often workmen making repairs, painting the woodwork of the house or gardening. I enjoyed this private world.

Each boy had shelf space in a recessed bookshelf on the door side of the room. To ask to fetch a book made a pleasant break in a long class. The class bottle of ink was kept there too. We were not allowed to use ballpoint pens.

### Form V (Grade 9) 1953-54

Prefects could give boys impositions (usually the writing of lines such as "I must not do such-and-such," I think) by filling the details in a book and getting a teacher to initial the punishment. I gave the first imposition of the year and was the heaviest user of the book, I'm afraid. The first taste of power is hard to resist.

The process [of writing this book] has been like the sound of the boys coming in from recess and climbing the stairs to their classrooms. For a few moments the whole school is on the stairs. The noise is deafening. One by one the memories finish the climb to my consciousness. At last only a few stragglers are left. As the final images move up flight by flight, the sound diminishes. One by one the classroom doors close. Another memory starts up. I can hear his steps. He's late. The school is never silent.



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